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NAVAL AGREEMENT TERMS ISSUED.

PARITY IN BATTLESHIP TONNAGE.

FRENCH SUBMARINE STRENGTH CAUSES DOUBTS.

BRITISH RESERVATION.

THE TERMS of the Franco-Italian Naval Agreement were disclosed simultaneously in the capitals of the countries most interested yesterday, being presented to the House of Commons when the Naval Estimates were introduced by the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. A. V. Alexander.

Preliminary hints are shown to have been derived from accurate information. Both France and Italy are to build two new dreadnoughts, not exceeding 23,333 tons, with a gun calibre not exceeding 12-inches. The tonnage in the capital-ship category accorded under the Treaty of Washington is to be raised from 175,000 tons to 181,000 tons.

In all other classes of warship, complete restriction of new building is provided for, after the completion of the 1930 programme. France is to have a total of 82,000 tons in submarines and Italy, 52,700 tons. The submarine tonnage is subject to revision at the World Disarmament Conference. If no revision is found possible, Britain will have the right to invoke Article 21 of the London Naval Treaty in protection of her interests.

R. N. REPLACEMENT PROGRAMME.

London, Mar. 11. Introducing the naval estimates, which at £51,605,000 represent a reduction of £342,000 on the figure for last year, Mr. A. V. Alexander, the First Lord of the Admiralty, stated that the new programme of construction for 1931 provided for the commencement of new ships, including two cruisers of the Leander Class, representing the latest developments in the 8,400-ton type, carrying six eight-inch guns.

In addition, work will be started on another cruiser in the 5,000-ton class, one destroyer squadron leader and eight destroyers, four sloops, three submarines, and one shallow-draught gunboat.

Normal Replacement.

Mr. Alexander pointed out that the programme was simply a normal annual replacement programme, within the limits of the London Naval Treaty. He hoped that further progress in the agreed reduction would be made at the Disarmament Conference at Geneva, and if so, the Government would be able to cancel, postpone, or vary the different items in the programme, which, if fully completed, would cost half a million less than the 1930 programme.

Mr. Alexander stated that no orders would be placed until the first quarter of 1932.

British Assurance.

Referring to the Franco-Italian naval agreement, Mr. Alexander emphasised that in return for France's consent to the limitation of the guns of her capital-ships to twelve inches, the Government had agreed to give the French Government a written assurance that they themselves favoured a reduction of the capital-ship gun to a maximum calibre of 12 inches, and a substantial reduction in the existing maximum displacement of 35,000 tons.

Mr. Alexander mentioned that Italy's submarine tonnage under the agreement would not exceed 52,700 tons, which included over five thousand tons of over-age ships, which would not be replaced. France and Italy had also agreed not to lay down any further submarine tonnage before 1935 when their programmes would be subject to the decisions of the World Disarmament Conference of 1932.

Considerable Reduction.

He also emphasised that while, from the viewpoint of His Majesty's Government, the figures for submarines were the least satisfactory part of the agreement, they did in fact represent a very considerable reduction upon

France's original programme. The United States and Japan had generally concurred in the arrangements contemplated in the bases of the agreement, as had all the members of the British Commonwealth who were represented at the London Naval Conference, who had expressed general approval.

The Naval Agreement.

Details of the Franco-Italian Naval Agreement were issued for publication to-day. They show that before December 31, 1936, both France and Italy may complete two capital-ships, whose displacement shall not exceed 23,333 tons each, while the gun calibre is not to exceed twelve inches.

On completion of these two ships, France undertakes to scrap one ship of the Diderot class (19-knot semi-dreadnoughts of 18,890 tons, carrying four 12-inch and 12 9.4 inch guns, and easily recognisable by their five funnels, all completed in 1911.) Italy, on her part, will scrap approximately 16,820 tons of first-class over-age cruisers, making a total scrapping of 33,640 tons.

The total capital-ship tonnage accorded to France and Italy respectively under the Treaty is raised from 175,000 tons to 181,000.

France and Italy may both complete 34,000 tons of aircraft-carriers before December 31, 1936. No cruisers of over 6.1 inch calibre are to be constructed after the completion of the 1935 programme, and there will be no further construction of submarines except for the completion of the 1930 programme and the replacement of tonnage becoming over-age after December 31, 1931.

French Submarine Tonnage.

Subject to the general revision of the naval armaments question by the World Disarmament Conference in 1932, the tonnage of French submarines will not exceed 51,980 tons until December 31, 1936.

The members of the British Empire maintained that this figure was too high in relation to their destroyer figure of 150,000 tons under the London Treaty, but agreed not to resort to Article 21 of the London Treaty pending the above-mentioned revision.

In the event of a satisfactory solution of this submarine figure problem not proving possible next year, the right of the British Commonwealth to increase her destroyer tonnage under Article 21 of the London Treaty would be preserved.

LOCAL CHINESE REQUEST NOT APPROVED.

NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

OVER 2,500 DELEGATES TO BE ACCOMMODATED.

NANKING'S PLANS.

Nanking, Mar. 11. Arrangements are being made for the accommodation of over 2,500 delegates in Nanking for the National People's Convention, which will probably be formally opened by President Chiang Kai-shek on May 5.

A huge assembly hall, capable of holding a mass meeting of the Convention, is being constructed, and the contractors have been instructed that the work must be completed by April 15.

The Secretariat, specially appointed for the purpose of organising the Convention, has addressed a telegram to all Provincial Governments, informing them that delegates of the governments and citizens should arrive in Nanking not later than May 3.

Democratic Government?

The gathering is looked upon as the most important since the Revolution. The provisional Constitution, over which Mr. Hu Han-min split with the Government, will be submitted to the consideration of the Convention and the probable outcome will be an arrangement for a Parliamentary form of government in the near future.

A conference of Kuomintang leaders was held this afternoon in connexion with the Convention, Mr. Sun Fo presiding.

One of the matters discussed was the joint appeal of former Kuomintang members and officials now residing in Hongkong and Macao for permission to send delegates to the Convention. After deliberation, the conference decided that the request must be rejected.

Women's Protest.

The strong protest lodged by the Canton Women's League at their meeting last week against refusal of the Nanking Government to make special provision for the representation of women was also considered, together with the resolution passed by the women who demonstrated in Nanking last week.

The conference decided to address the leaders of these women's movements, pointing out that all delegates are to be appointed by the trades unions and public bodies in the cities of the country, and the method of election as delegates would show no discrimination as to sex.

A representative of the Treasury agreed to the suggestion that the Nanking Government should defray the entire expenses connected with the visit to Nanking of provincial delegates.

END OF A LONG FLIGHT.

TROOP-CARRYING PLANES BACK AT CAIRO.

Cairo, Mar. 11.

The three Royal Air troop-carrying aeroplanes have arrived at Heliopolis, thus completing an eleven-thousand mile flight to Cape Town and back.

The venture was commenced at the end of January and the performance without mishap is considered a remarkable one. The flight was under the command of Squadron Leader Pender, who has been carrying out various exercises and manoeuvres in the course of the long journey.

Each of the planes is capable of carrying 23 fully armed infantrymen. It was this type of plane which enabled the British Command in Egypt to send sufficient troops to Jerusalem in 1929 to prevent the disorders from becoming more serious.

THE DOLLAR IMPROVES.

DUE TO SHANGHAI SPECULATION.

SLUMP COMING.

The dollar opened at 1s. 1/8d. this morning, this being an advance of 1/4d. on yesterday's closing rate and represents the highest point reached since January 6th last.

The fluctuations which have been evident during the past few days are attributed to speculation in Shanghai, where, speculators are said to have oversold to the extent of more than £2,000,000. These interests are stated to be attempting to push up the market, but it is difficult to say when saturation point will be reached.

Immediately the speculators attempt to cover, it is anticipated that the market will again slump. At present, the market is very erratic and uncertain. Inter-bank business was done in Hongkong this morning at 1s. 1/8d., but later the market was a little easier.

JAPAN'S PREMIER NOT YET FIT.

MAY BE OBLIGED TO OFFER RESIGNATION.

STRAIN TOO MUCH.

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

The apparent failure of the Premier, Mr. Hamaguchi, sufficiently to recover his strength to face the arduous duties of the Premiership, is given considerable prominence in the vernacular papers this morning.

The strain of listening to the interpellations in the Diet yesterday were too much for Mr. Hamaguchi and he had to withdraw without replying.

On the advice of his physician, he is resting at his official residence to-day, and will not be attending the Diet.

The Asahi reports that an emissary of the Minseito Party called upon Mr. Wakatsuki, who represented Japan as principal delegate to the London Naval Conference, apparently for the purpose of enquiring whether he would be prepared to accept the Premiership in the event of Mr. Hamaguchi tendering his resignation, which is regarded as a not remote possibility.

REFORM OF CEYLON CONSTITUTION.

DETAILS TO BE ISSUED SHORTLY.

London, Mar. 11.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, the Under Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. Drummond Shiels, stated that it was hoped to issue in a few weeks the Order-in-Council relating to the Constitution of Ceylon containing provisions for Government relations between the Executive Committees and the State Council.

The relations between the Committees and the Departments would be defined in a statement to be issued by the Governor.

British Wireless.

BRITISH INDUSTRY REVIVAL.

F. I. PUTS FORWARD TWO PROPOSALS.

London, Mar. 12.

The Federation of British Industries has issued a pamphlet setting forth the reforms which it considers necessary for a revival of British industry.

These are summarised under two headings—firstly, the establishment of a fiscal system which shall combine protection of our industrial interests with the widest possible extension of inter-empire trade; and, secondly, a reduction in the burden of taxation.

WOMAN'S CLAIM ON BANK.

LEGAL ARGUMENT ON PLEADINGS.

JUDGE AGAINST DEFENCE ON ONE POINT.

PROCEDURE ISSUE.

When the action brought by Mrs. Chu Shuk, No. 121 Caine Road, against the Banque Franco-Chinoise, for \$42,000 damages in respect of the wrongful sale by the Banque of property which plaintiff had mortgaged, was continued in the Supreme Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Wood, Mr. F. C. Jenkin opened the case for the defence.

Plaintiff's case is that she mortgaged the property to the Banque to provide banking facilities for Mr. W. M. Pittendrieh, and that, without making a demand upon her for payment of principal and interest, the Banque wrongfully sold the property at a gross undervalue. She also claims that no consent was given for the drawing of cheques, but the defence contends that consent was given by her agent, Dr. Tam Sai-fan, in counter-signing cheques drawn on the overdraft account provided.

Plaintiff is represented by Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., together with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellett, of Messrs. G. K. Hall, Brutton and Company. Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, is instructing Mr. Jenkin.

Not Banking Facility.

In opening his defence, Mr. Jenkin said plaintiff had admitted, through her counsel, that she consented to the overdraft account which, defendant contended were evidenced by Dr. Tam Sai-fan counter-signing the cheques, would not avail defendant because it was not a banking facility covered by the mortgage deed itself. This point, counsel submitted, was not open to plaintiff on the pleadings.

His Lordship pointed out that plaintiff's case was that there was no consent, and that was what she had to plead. She had pleaded so, and if that lack of consent was proved, then it was for the defence to prove that there was consent. Mr. Jenkin could now proceed to do so.

Mr. Jenkin replied that on plaintiff's case, even if the defence did prove the consent, it would not avail them if it was not consent to a banking facility specified in the mortgage deed. His Lordship said that Mr. Jenkin could set about proving consent and then it would be for the Court to say whether it was so or not.

Matter of Pleading.

Mr. Jenkin continued that, on the pleadings, it was not open to plaintiff to say that the consent was not a consent to a banking facility, under the deed because it was not open to them on the face of the pleadings. He went on to say that plaintiff should have replied to the defence pleading in this respect, and stated that the account was not a banking facility covered by the mortgage deed. It was, said counsel, a matter of pleading only. Plaintiff ought to have replied to that defence because it was obviously a point which would take the defence by surprise if it was not made clear that that was to be plaintiff's line of argument.

Mr. Jenkin quoted an authority on the point, after which he said it was obvious, under the rules, that a reply should have been filed, alleging that if the consents which were alleged to have been given were denied, it would not avail because the account was not under the banking facilities provided for under the mortgage deed. He would submit that it was not now open to plaintiff, having filed no reply, to argue that the signing of the cheques referred to was of no avail, because the cheque transactions were not facilities allowed by the mortgage deed.

Judge Not Convinced.

His Lordship said he was not convinced by the point raised by Mr. Jenkin on this point.

CHINA'S DEFAULT ON LOAN BONDS.

PERTINENT QUESTION BY MR. A. M. SAMUEL.

BRITAIN'S CLAIMS.

London, Mar. 11.

China's foreign loan defaults were again discussed in the House of Commons to-day when a number of questions were asked at the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Arthur Henderson.

Replying to Brigs. General H. Clifton Brown, the Conservative member for Newbury, Berks, Mr. Henderson stated that there had been no further conference between His Majesty's Minister in China and the Chinese Government as regards the latter's default in its obligations to British holders of Chinese bonds.

The last conference was held in November, and since then there had been a good deal of correspondence with the Chinese Government, while Sir Miles Lampson has been collecting information regarding British claims.

Mr. Henderson referred other questions to previous replies on the same subject, and asked for notice on a question by Mr. A. M. Samuel (Con. Farnham) who asked whether the Foreign Secretary was aware that the Chinese Government was issuing internal loans which are standing in front of loan which are in default.—*Reuter.*

GREAT FRENCH AIR SERVICE SAVED.

SPECIAL BILL BEING RUSHED THROUGH CHAMBER.

Paris, Mar. 12.

The imminent risk of the Compagnie Generale Aero Postale, which runs the air mail service between Paris and South America down the West Coast of Africa, having to cease operations, owing to the suspension of the banking group financing it, has been averted.

A Bill is being rushed through Parliament, empowering the Air Minister to continue running the service.

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The Air Committee of the Chamber previous to the crisis, turned down a proposal for a state subsidy of £600,000 annually until 1944.—*Reuter.*

FILM PRODUCER KILLED.

TRAGIC MOTOR SMASH IN CALIFORNIA.

New York, Mar. 11.

Mr. F. W. Murnau, the famous German film producer, was killed in a terrible motor smash at Santa Barbara, California, to-day.

The tragic mishap occurred when the motor-car, answering to avoid a collision with a lorry, crashed over an embankment and was completely wrecked.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JUGO-SLAVIA QUAKE DEATHROLL.

HOME SECRETARY PLACES IT AT 31.

Belgrade, Mar. 11.

Some surprise has been occasioned by the issue of a statement by the Ministry of the Interior, announcing that the death-roll in the recent earthquake in Yugo-Slavia was only thirty-one.—*Reuter.*

LORD STAMFORDHAM.

KING'S SECRETARY HAS OPERATION.

London, Mar. 11.

Lord Stamfordham, Private Secretary to H. M. the King, underwent an operation to-day, which was successful. His condition is stated to be satisfactory.

"MIDGET" RACING TRACKS.

RAIDS ON SEVERAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

DEFENCE OF NO GAMBLING OVER-RULED.

ESCALADO BANNED.

"Horse racing is not gambling" was the contention of a Chinese shopkeeper who appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning, charged with keeping a common gaming house in which the "midget" horse track, known as Escalado, was being patronised by a number of fans.

The prosecution also charged an assistant and one of the gamblers, but later withdrew against the foki.

The first defendant admitted the facts of the case, but asserted that horse racing was not gambling.

Detective Inspector Shannon informed his Worship that the game was a lottery more than gambling. The chances were all against the players.

Demonstration in Court.

His Worship was given a demonstration in Court and agreed that it was a game of chance. He asked, however, how it operated against the players.

Detective Inspector Shannon replied that there was no possibility of skill and, after explaining how the backing was done, he said he had watched the game being played for about an hour. He had never seen the same horse win twice in succession, nor had he seen a dead heat.

The defendant, at his Worship's request, explained that if a person backed two cents on a certain horse, and won, he would be awarded a packet of cigarettes. The money he staked, however, went to the bank.

Banker's Commission.

Detective Sergeant McDonald remarked that the banker received a commission by awarding a five-cent packet of cigarettes for a 10-cent stake, but the defendant replied that if a man backed ten cents he would receive five packets, and not one.

His Worship remarked that it was a question whether it came within the definition of the Ordinance. He pointed out that if all the money were backed on the same horse and it won, then the banker would lose.

Detective Inspector Shannon agreed that the banker would lose if all the money were put on the horse that won.

Ruled a Lottery.

His Worship pointed out that it was, however, a game where one person kept the bank to the exclusion of the others. He was satisfied that it came within the definition of a lottery.

According to Detective Inspector Shannon, Escalado was started before the annual Race Meeting at Happy Valley, and yesterday four more shops were opened.

"They don't pay any amusement tax either, your Worship," added the officer.

The first defendant, who was also charged with retelling cigarettes without a licence, pleaded that they were given away as prizes.

Convictions Registered.

His Worship convicted on both counts and imposed a fine of \$10 on the first and \$15 on the second, remarking that he was only fining the defendant the nominal sum on the racing charge as a warning to others.

The cigarettes and a sum of \$27.75, which were seized, were ordered to be confiscated. The second defendant, the foki, was discharged and the third, the gambler, was fined \$2.

Simultaneously with the closure of two shops in Hollywood Road by the police, seven other establishments, on which the police were contemplating raids the same night, promptly closed their business, with the result that they were found to be empty.

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ADDRESS AT DIOCESAN
CONFERENCE.

CHRISTIAN IDEAS.

The second session of the Victoria Diocesan Conference was held at the Cathedral Hall yesterday afternoon, under the chairmanship of the Bishop of Victoria, when the Rev. G. K. Carpenter, M.A., B.Sc., delivered an address on "The Christian Conception of God."

Mr. Carpenter said: "There are few questions the answer to which is more important. The divisions between Christian people are not only due to varieties of temperament, or accidents of education, but in many cases represent different, or irreconcilable ideas of God, and of the ways in which He may be supposed to act. To seek to know God, the real God, is therefore the first duty of every Christian, and those who are making for the same goal must sooner or later find that their several paths are converging together."

Because we are Christians, that does not mean we should be deaf to God's voice in history, in nature, in art and science and in human life itself. Our ears are to be open to every word which God speaks. It is the same God who spoke at sundry times and in divers manners to the fathers who we believe have spoken His crowning word to us in Jesus Christ. We gladly acknowledge this, while at the same time affirming that it is from Christ that we have the power to interpret and co-ordinate all God's other words. He must ever be for the Christian the starting point and the finishing point of all his thoughts about God. As the Lambeth Conference has reminded us, there is a necessity to banish from our minds, ideas concerning the character of God which are inconsistent with the character of Jesus Christ. Surely it must strike us as strange that such a warning should be needed in the year of Grace 1930. How often theology has started with a conception of God taken from the earlier portions of the O.T., and then tried to modify or amend this in the light of Christ's revelation. How much labour has been spent in trying to arrive at definitions and formulae that would harmonise with current ideas about the divine and the human natures.

As we look back over the story of the Church's history, we have to admit that the God of too many Christians was not the Christian God at all. The besetting sin of the Jewish church was idolatry, and idolatry has made the Christian church fall again and again. What is idolatry but the worship of a faulty or partial idea of God? "My little children" wrote the apostle, in what are perhaps the latest words in our New Testament, "Keep yourselves from idols." We know that the Son of God has come and has given us insight to know Him who is the Real God. But how often has the Church lost sight of the Real God. As we look at the long and dreadful catalogue of persecutions and blood-sheddings committed by all sections of the Church upon one another as well as upon unbelievers, what can we say but that the God of the men who did such things was the idol of their own distorted prejudices and passions and that often they simply did not know the real God at all.

Revised Prayer Book.
Many of us have noticed with thankfulness the way in which the Revised Prayer Book has pruned out from its services many phrases which reflect pre-Christian ideas of God. We are no longer taught to look upon sickness as being 'sent' by God, nor upon physical disasters as 'punishments' for wrongdoing. We may feel regret that the work of pruning was not in some respects more thorough, and that in the Litany God is still pictured as One who may 'take vengeance of our sins', while the retention of the Athanasian Creed suggests that saving faith consists in an intellectual acceptance of right doctrine instead of trust in a Person. The man in the street judges the God of the churches to be Christ's teaching, and justly so, but the conclusion, justly or unjustly, is that He falls short. Our age, thanks to the labours of many scholars, has a more living picture of the Jesus of history than any since the first, and it is therefore our plain duty to curtail our idea of the God whom we worship and purge out from it any elements that will not stand the test of Christlikeness.

It is impossible to do more than look briefly at one of two aspects of our conception of God this evening. Let us take the first clause of the Apostles' Creed 'I believe in God the Father, Almighty'.

Thought 'We Jesus we dare to think more and more consistently of God as Father in every relation of life. He is not impersonal Force, which may make slaves but never could win sons, but He has given His children real freedom either to choose good or to choose evil. The problem of forgiveness cannot be looked at in terms of the law-court. The wrong-doer is set right with God by being lifted into a relation which has ceased to be legal. Jesus declared a Father who comes to share the burden of our sins, and helps us to live down the shame of them. His arm around us all the time. How much has the simplicity of the Gospel been burdened with theories of the Atonement that make God sometimes appear positively immoral.

A Righteous Father.

God is our Father. He is a righteous Father. Current thought pictures Him at times as merely a benevolent sort of parent who lets his children do more or less what they like, and takes little notice of their failings. We find little sense of sin in the world to-day. Old dividing lines between right and wrong are being challenged and torn up all round us. Many people are wondering if there are any absolute moral values at all. Do we know what God has to say



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about it all? The Church's own mind often seems very confused about her scale of values. In 1927 I left the Church of China fighting a desperate battle against the powers of darkness, and found the Church of England engaged in what seemed almost as fierce a struggle over the Prayer Book. Some Christians class smoking as a deadly sin, or playing a game on Sunday, or going to an evening Communion.

A divorced person is banished by the church, but a man who owns tenement property in which a clean family life is practically impossible is welcomed into a corner seat. Is it a wonder if men not only ask 'What is God's will' but has He a will about it at all?

Let us admit that a great deal of the morality of the past has been simply good behaviour, and in so far as it consisted in conformity to custom or public

opinion, without being the choice of right for right's sake, it was less than moral. Now we are faced with the task of rediscovering God's will in this year 1931 on the hundred and one questions about which men's minds are in darkness. We may not all immediately be able to hear God speaking the same thing, but we can have no doubt that He has a word to speak, and that He means us to understand it. In persuading others, our supreme appeal must be made, not to the decision of any ecclesiastical gathering past or future, but to the response of every man's conscience which hearing the Truth, bears witness that it is true. Especially should we stress the positive nature of God's holiness, and arouse men's consciences about the good they don't do, more than about the wrong they have done. The more we know the true God and open our minds to Him, the higher will

the demands of His holy Love appear, and the deeper become our sense of failure to meet those demands.

The Cross must ever stand at the centre of God's Fatherhood. The Gospel is in the story of the Prodigal Son, it is sometimes said. Yes, but we are able to believe the story only because the Teller of it paid the last price of His love for men. And our failures are not to be lightly regarded when we see that they crucify Him afresh.

God as Almighty.
We must admit that the meaning of the word Almighty has undergone considerable modification in Christian thought. It no longer means 'able to do anything'. We recognise that belief in God as a Father who has given free moral personalities to His children, carries with it the necessity that He shall not act in any way inconsistent

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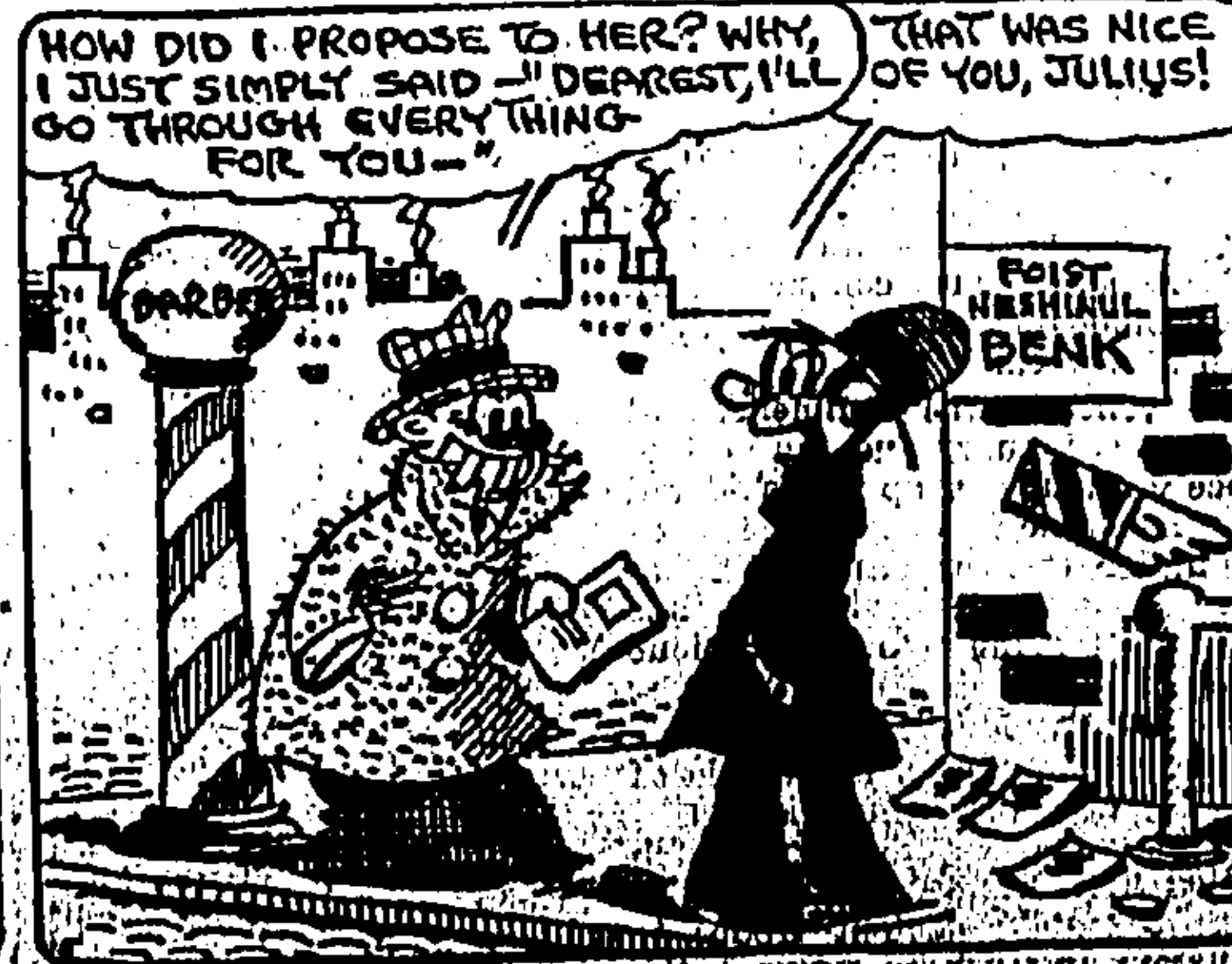
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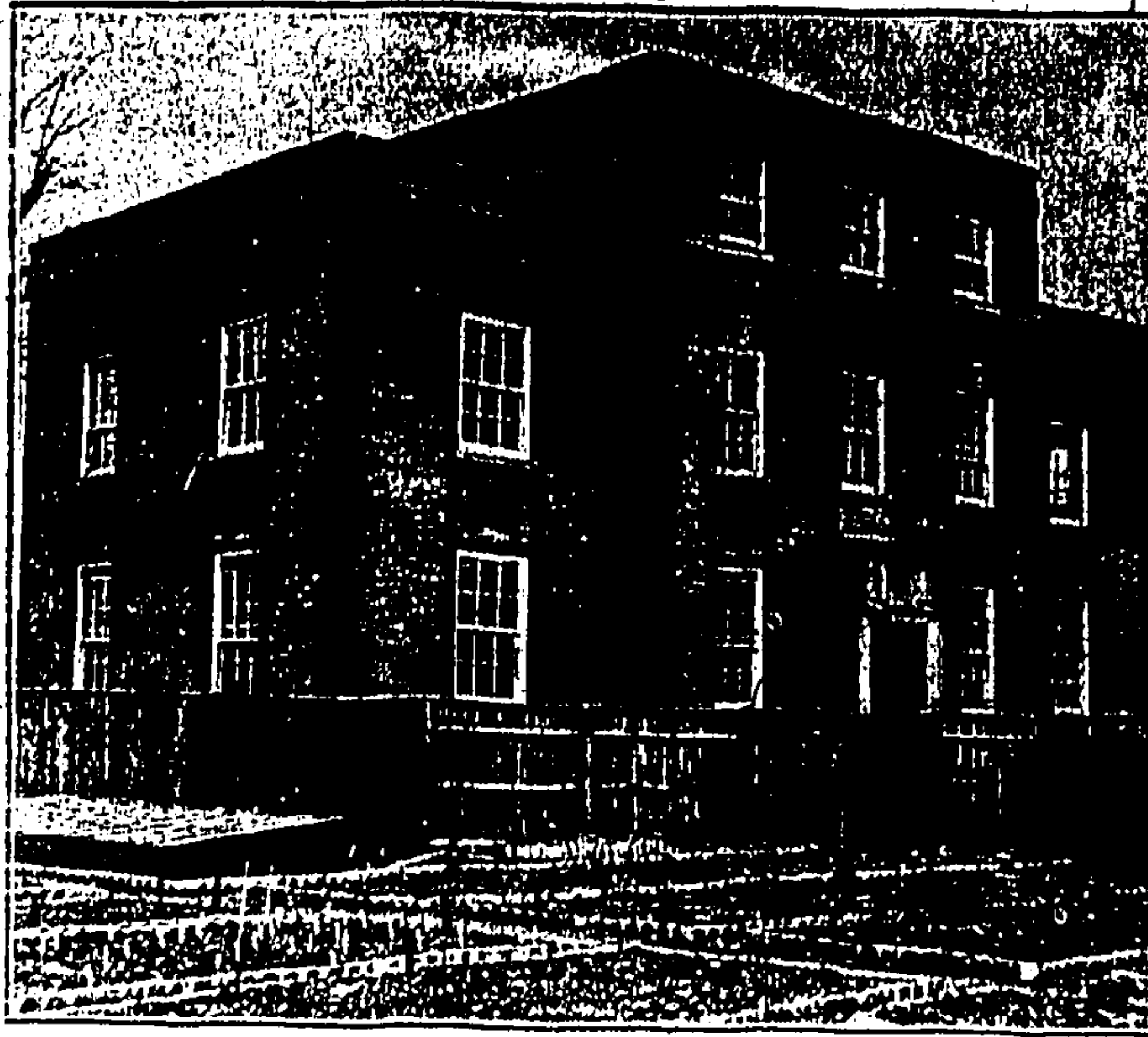
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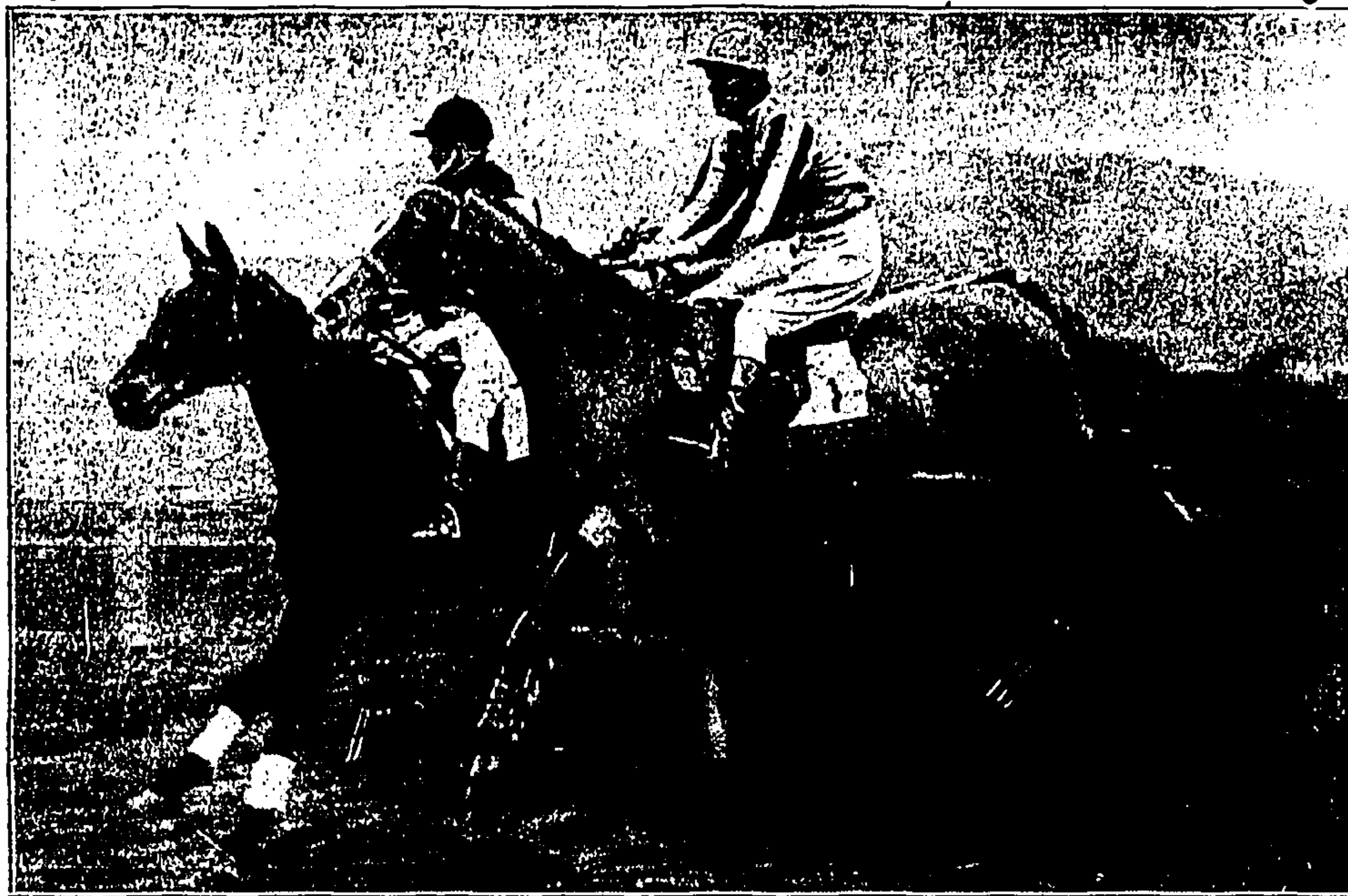




Snow storms of unusual severity have occurred in England and Scotland this winter. A photograph taken on the road between Grantham and Melton Mowbray. (Times copyright.)



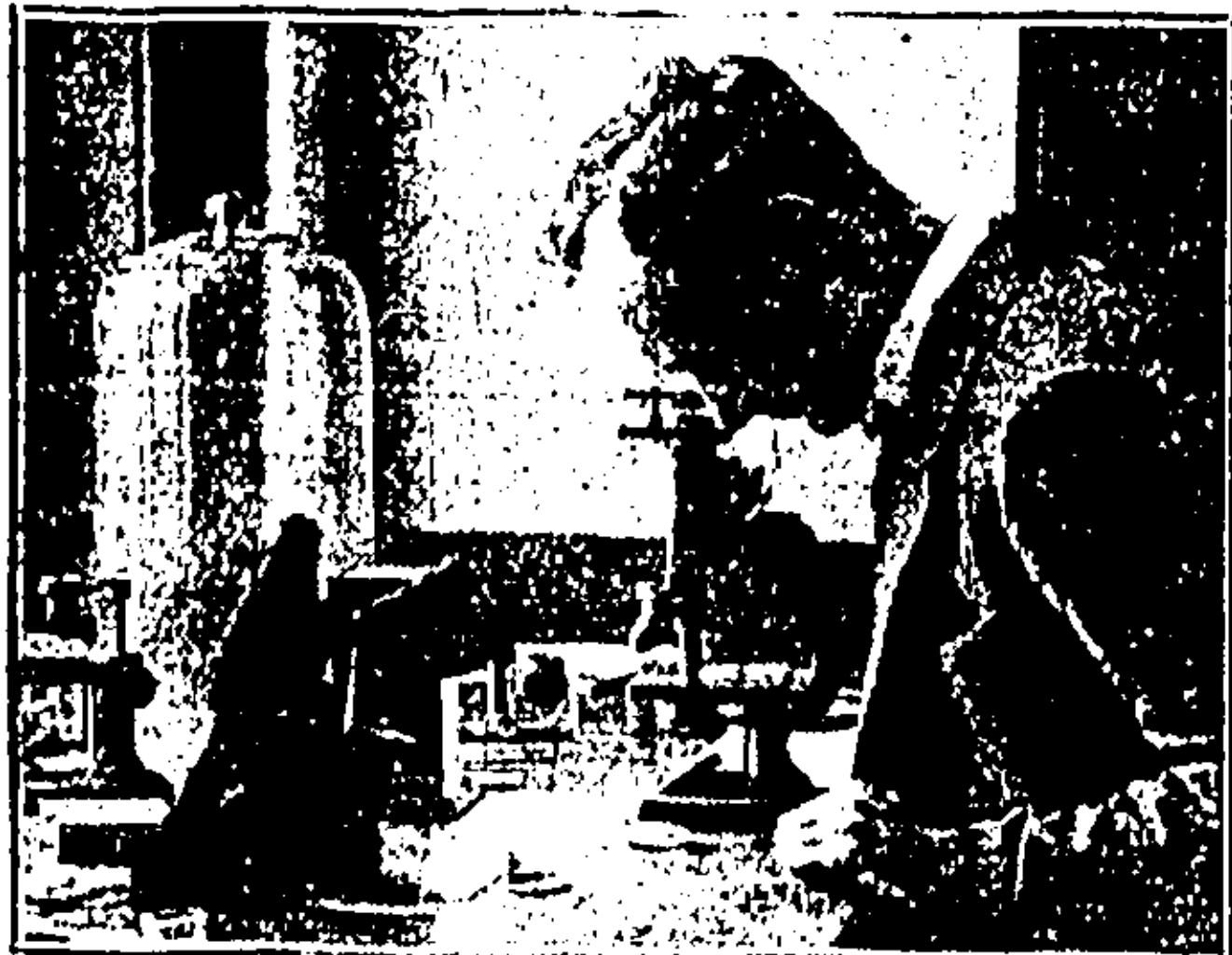
The new headquarters of the Imperial Mycological Institute at Kow, the clearing house of information for all matters relating to plant diseases other than those caused by insects. (Times copyright.)



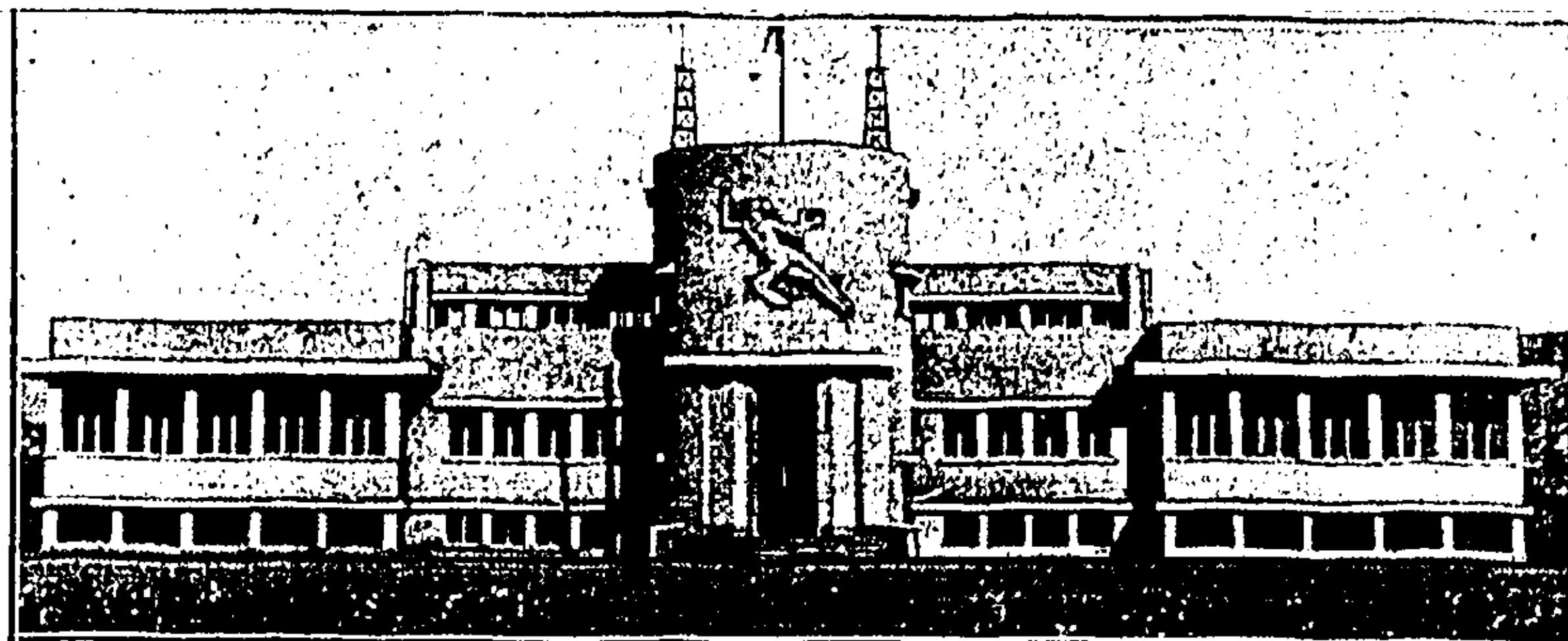
Our picture shows Easter Hero (nearer the camera) ridden by R. Everett, and Blaris (R. Lyall up) jumping together in the Mile-Handicap Steeplechase at Sandown Park. Easter Hero, the favourite for the Grand National, won easily. (Times copyright.)



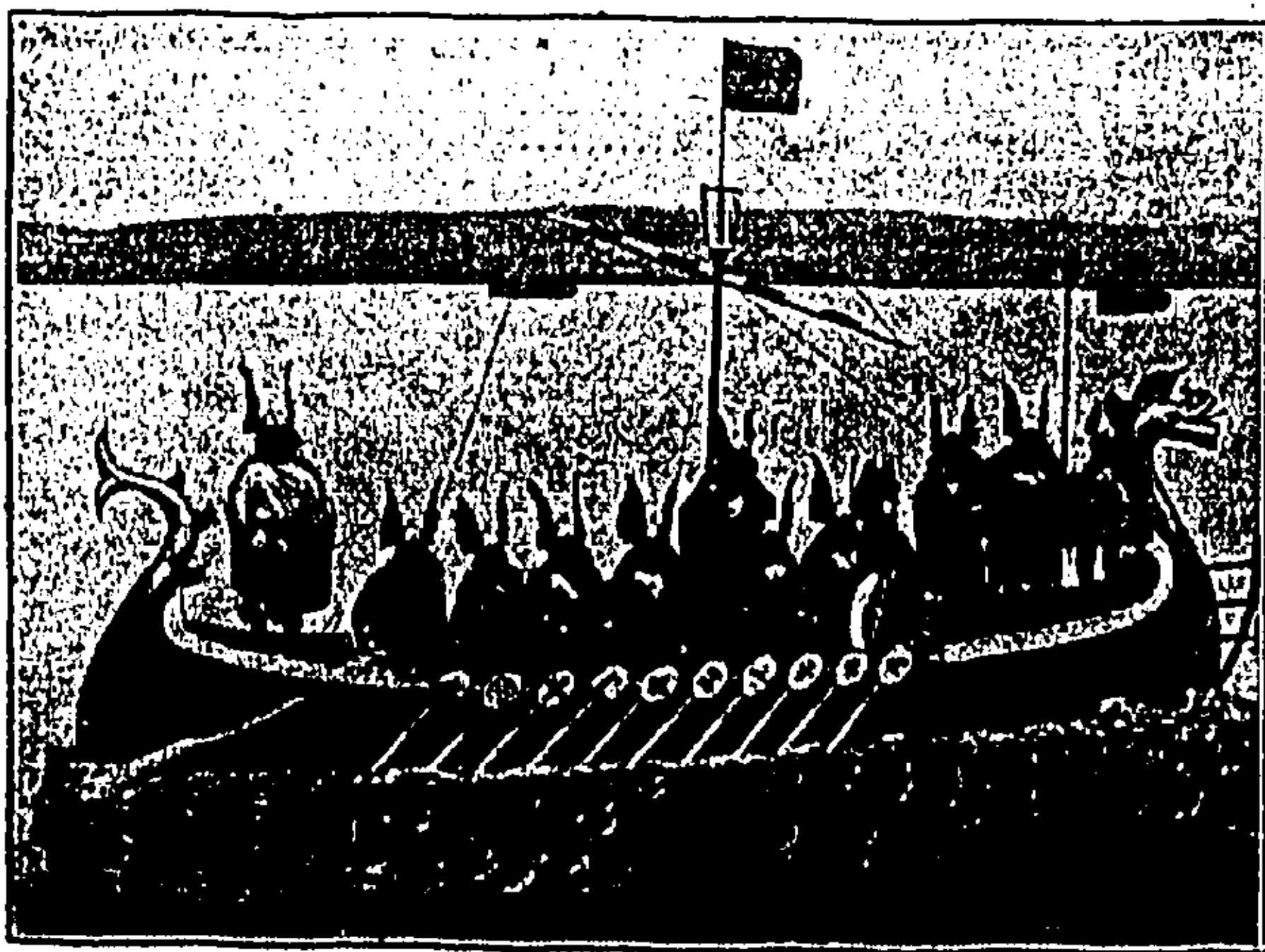
A batch of rebel prisoners being brought into Tharrawaddy from Okkan during the disturbances in Burma. (Times copyright.)



Our picture shows a member of the staff of the Imperial Mycological Institute at Kow examining a specimen of fungus. (Times copyright.)



An example of modern architecture in the Turkey of to-day. The building is the Bacteriological Institute at Angora, and exhibits a clever blending of Turkish and European styles. (Times copyright.)



Up-Helly-Aa. This old Shetland festival was recently celebrated at Lerwick. A Norse longship, with her crew, which took part in the procession. (Times copyright.)



Mr. E. Platt's Kingsford, the winner, leading Solatum over the last jump in the Troytown Handicap Steeplechase at Lingfield Park. (Times copyright.)

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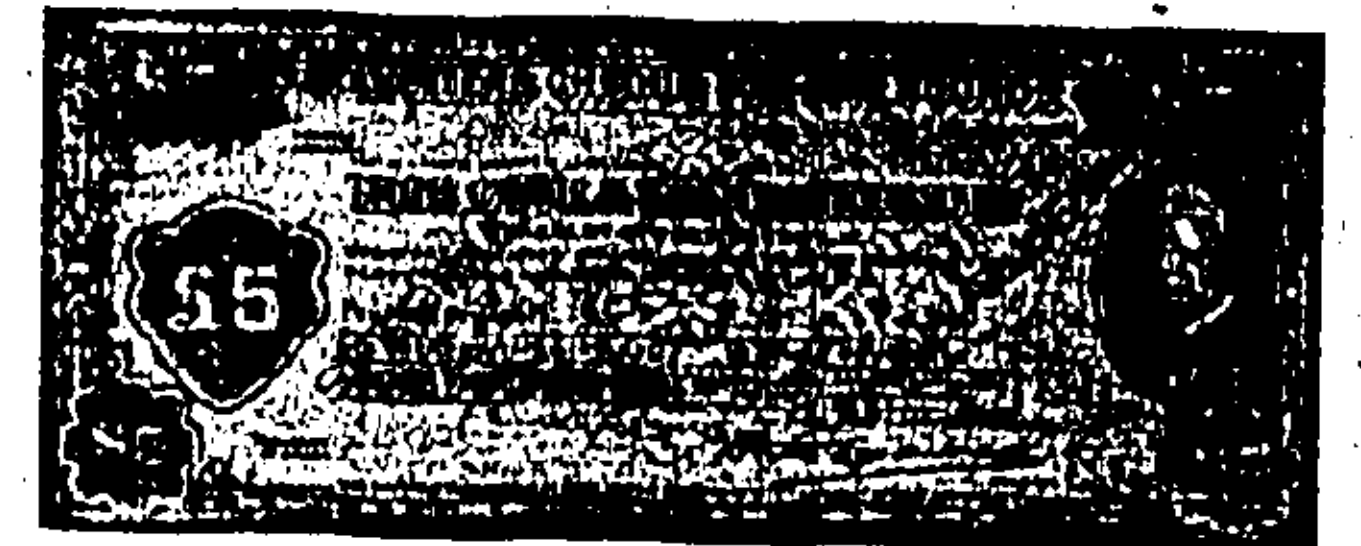
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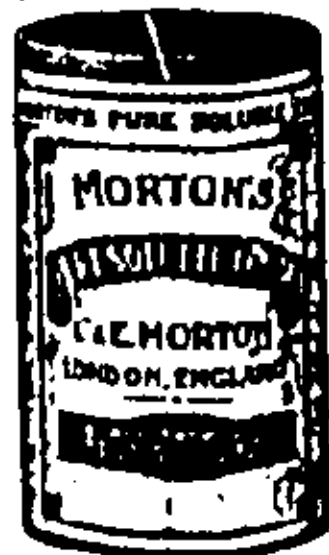
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A.D.C. AGAIN SCORE
SUCCESS.MATINEE PERFORMANCE
MUCH ENJOYED.

Quite an appreciative audience gathered at the Theatre Royal last evening, when the Hongkong A.D.C. gave a matinee performance of "Art and Mrs. Bottle." Once again, a big success was registered. Features of the performance were the happy casting of the parts and the excellent enunciation of all taking part. So clearly were the lines spoken that not a word was missed—an important consideration in a play of this type, in which the clever dialogue is the outstanding feature.

The principals scored noteworthy successes, being altogether beyond reproach, and a special tribute is due to those who filled minor roles. In particular we should like to single out Mrs. Miskin, Miss Lack and Mr. Marriott, the last-named giving a really first-rate interpretation of a by no means easy part. Mr. Marriott, indeed, fast becoming one of the Colony's most accomplished amateur actors, and we hope to see and hear more of him in the future.

Only two further performances of "Art and Mrs. Bottle" are to be given—to-morrow and Saturday. Full houses seem assured, for the play is one which ought on no account to be missed.

CINEMA NOTES.

NEW BUTLER EFFORT THIRD
MUSICAL HIT.

"High Society Blues," Fox Movietone musical romance, booked for an early showing at the Queen's Theatre, is the third musical production with music by David Butler, director. Butler previously directed those two sensational successes, "Fox Movietone Follies of 1929" and "Sunny Side Up." "Fox Follies" was the first all-talking, singing and dancing revue ever offered on the screen. "Sunny Side Up" was the first original musical comedy written directly for the screen.

Essentially youthful in his viewpoint and philosophy, Butler has a trick of projecting his personality into every picture he directs. The result is clean, wholesome entertainment with the best qualities of the young generation.

As in "Sunny Side Up," he again has for his featured leads Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell. They sing five songs in this production. The music was provided by Joseph McCarthy and James F. Hanley.

Others prominent in the cast include William Collier, Sr., Joyce Compton, Hedda Hopper, Louise Fazenda, Lucien Littlefield, Brandon Hurst and Gregory Gagne.

"Hit the Deck."

The promise made by Jack Oakie in his first screen roles comes to triumphant fulfillment in Radio Pictures' gorgeous musical comedy of the fleet, "Hit the Deck," shown for the first time at the Central Theatre last night.

Oakie as a wise-cracking sailor gives a performance which places him high among the ranking comedians of the talking films. With a sure exactly suited to his hilarious talents, he runs gaily away with the show.

Sharing honours with Jack Oakie is Polly Walker, a recruit from the Broadway stage, who adds charm and an enchanting voice to the character of Louisa.

Exterior sequences like the lifelike village street; a real landing wharf with liberty boats plying between shore and a huge fleet resting at anchor all combine to lend a reality to the theme, heretofore impossible on the stage.

But the battleship deck and the "Smith party" with three hundred players participating, all treated with technical skill. Here is production that delights both ear and eye. Both Luther Reed and the director of photography, Robert Kurrie, have equalled if not surpassed their similar effort in "Rio Rita."

The Vincent Youmans stage hit as brought to the screen moves in an easy narrative fashion—without the obvious pauses for songs, usually the bane of musical comedy production. Five new song numbers add to the sparkling whims of sailors' life.

MACAO WEEK
BY WEEK.COMMERCIAL AVIATION
RUMOURS.

There has been much talk of late of big things at Macao, of developments and the coming of outside capital to contribute to the work of creating and distributing wealth. Foremost among these is the suggestion of the establishment of commercial aviation. How much of truth there is in the rumour is not known, but the Macao-Manila flight has added to the interest being taken in the matter. The coming of dog racing will provide Macao with another attraction, and the re-establishment of pony racing will help, with the other developments, to "put Macao on the map again."

Much interest is taken in the flight which is being made by Mr. G. W. Brophy, manager of the Aviation Division of the L. E. Gale Corporation, from Shanghai to the Philippines. Mr. Brophy is making the last stage of his flight from Macao, and many residents of the city were to be seen following the operations at the Macao Race Course where the new Phoenix was being put together in anticipation of the hop from Macao to Manila.

Philatelists should be interested in the fact that the Phoenix is carrying a little mail, the first air mail from China to the Philippines, and that covers to Manila come from Shanghai, Foochow, Swatow, Canton, Hongkong, and Macao, and it may just be possible that the cover bearing proof of the first flight between China and the Philippines will attain considerable value among collectors.

After a short interruption in the service between Macao and Timor, by the withdrawal of the G. G. Paul Dunner, owing to the unsuitability of the vessel, the service has been resumed by the placing of a better and more commodious vessel on the run, the Norviken. The new ship of the Macao-Timor Line sailed on Sunday, and carried a mixed cargo including 1,000 barrels of cement.

Recent departures from the Colony include the Misses Magalhães, daughters of Dr. J. Pereira de Magalhães, Officer Administering the Government, who left by the Venezia for Hongkong where they take ship for Lisbon. Other persons leaving Macao for Portugal are Lt. Col. and Mrs. and Miss Santos, and Lt. and Mrs. Virgilio Correia. —Our Own Correspondent.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED
QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar market yesterday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 1932 6/11 1/4 up 1/4d.
May 1931 6/3 1/4 up 1/4d.
August 1931 6/3 3/4 up 1d.
December 1931 6/7 3/4 up 1/4d.

New York Terminals.

March 1932 1.58 up 2 pts.
May 1931 1.26 no change
July 1931 1.35 up 1 pt.
September 1931 1.41 up 1 pt.
December 1931 1.50 up 1 pt.

YOUNGER NEHRU A
WARRIOR.NOT KEEN TO GIVE UP
BATTLE.

Allahabad, Mar. 11. The Congress president, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, in a speech here forecast that if the forthcoming Karachi congress decided to participate in the Round Table meeting it would only do so on condition that Indians have complete independence of control in finance, otherwise the fight would be vigorously renewed. —Reuter.

GODOWN COMPANY
REPORT.SUBSTANTIAL PROFIT ON
WORKING.

The annual report of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., for the year ended 31st December, 1930, states: The profit on working was \$1,192,257.36 as compared with \$1,302,861.36 in 1929.

The balance for the year, after transferring \$200,000 to Renewals Account, deducting Directors' and Auditors' Fees, allowing for depreciation, and other outgoings, is \$665,610.36. The amount brought forward from last year is \$370,119.77 making a total of \$1,035,730.13 available for appropriation.

The Directors recommend the following:
To pay a dividend of \$5.00 per share ... \$ 480,000.00
To pay a Bonus of \$3.00 per share ... 240,000.00
To carry forward ... 315,730.13

Directors.—Mr. T. B. Wilson and Mr. J. E. Joseph retire according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.
Auditors.—Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, and Linstead and Davis, Chartered Accountants, have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Hongkong Bank, \$2030 s.
Chartered Bank \$173 1/4 s.
Mercantile A. and B., \$25 s.
East Asia \$116 1/2 s.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$1320 n.
Union Ins., \$600 n.
North China Ins., \$160 b.
China Underwriters, \$3.65 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Firs, \$535 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$1300 n.

Shipping.

Douglas, \$25 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$26.50 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$30 n.
Union Waterboats, \$37 n.
Mining.
Benguet, \$107 1/4 n.
Kailans, \$67 n.
Shai Explorations, \$15 1/2 n.
Rauha 40 1/2 s.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$172 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$30 1/2 s.
South China Motors \$10 n.
China Providents, \$5.35 s. (old).
Hongkwa, \$15. 274 b.
New Engineers, \$15. 514 b.
Shanghai Docks, \$15. 110 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cotton \$15. 15.15 b.
Shai Cotton \$15. 104 (old) n.
Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and H. Hotels, \$13 s.
H. K. Land \$85 s.
Shai Land \$15. 412 n.
Humpreys, \$16.85 n.
Realities, \$9.90 s.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$17.90 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$14 1/4 b.
Star Ferries, \$98 b.
China Lights, (old) \$25.20 n.
H. K. Electric, \$91 n.
Telephones, \$42 b.

China Buses, \$18 1/2 n.

Singapore Tractions, 6/6 s.

Industrials.

China Sugars, 80 cta. n.
Malabons \$38 n.
Canton Ices, \$3.30 s.
Cements (Comb.) \$16.80 b.
Ropes, \$14 n.
Venz: Goldfields \$3.60 b.

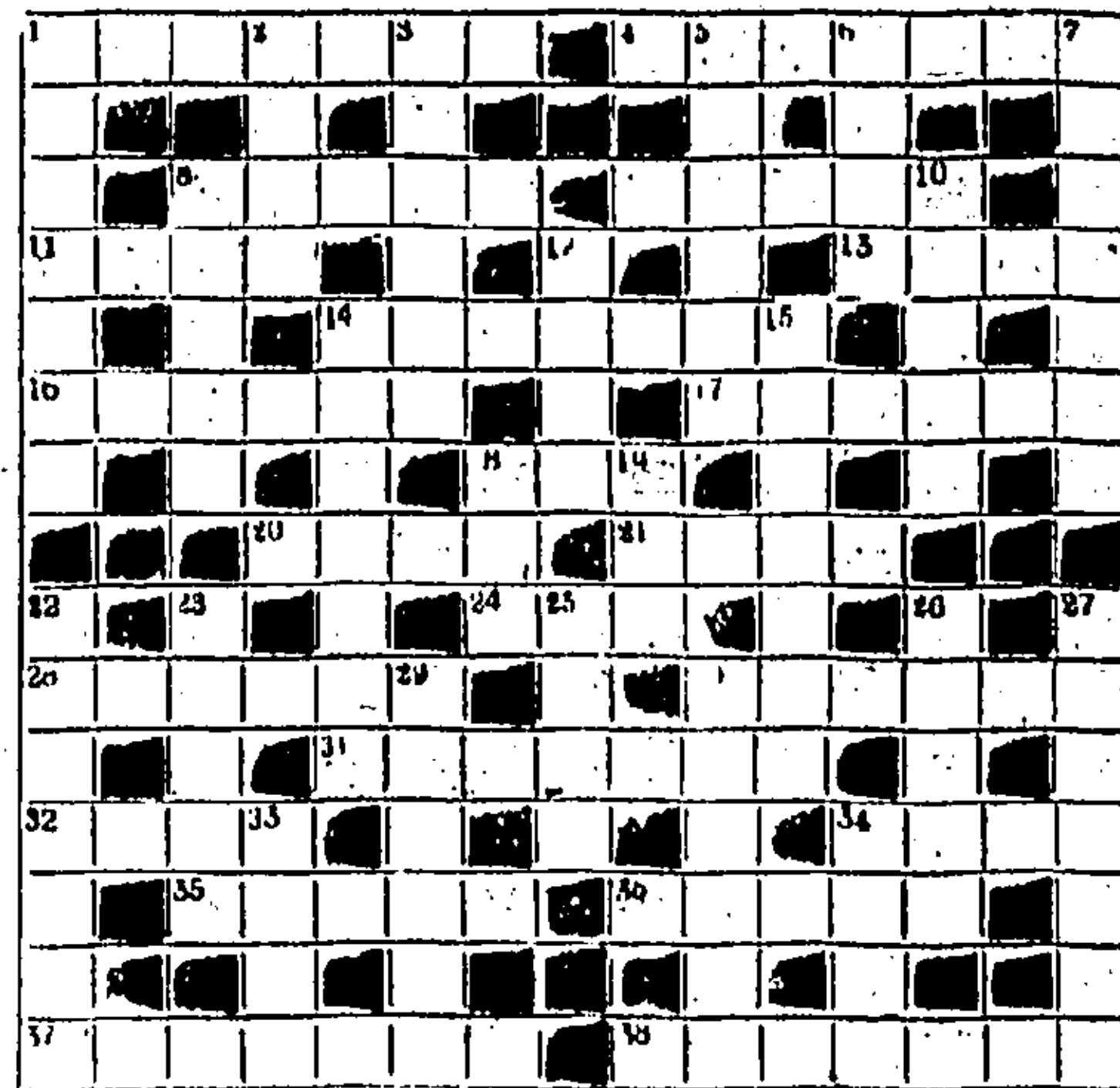
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$26.10 n.
Watson, \$13.35 s.
Der A. Wings, \$1 n.
Lane Crawford, \$3.85 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sinceres, \$18 1/4 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$21 n. x. Rights.
Constructions, \$5.40 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 68 1/2 b.

OUR BRITISH CROSSWORDS.



Across

- 1 This may throw a light.
- 4 Braggadochio, for instance, in the "Faerie Queene."
- 8 You may disappear—slangily—down this incline.
- 9 This may be in a door, or made punishable.
- 11 The mind shall banquet, though the body— "Love's Labour's Lost."
- 13 The head that the candidate hopes to head.
- 14 These may be observed in churches or at Freemasons' gatherings.
- 16 The wild ass.
- 17 Called was once this this.
- 18 Part of a plate.
- 20 It is a nasty one in the face when your friends go back on you.
- 21 This is the garden of England—
- 24 and she was a gardener's wife.
- 28 From side to side—like half these clues.
- 30 Be she large or small, this girl is too big to get into her bunk.
- 31 A submarine enchantress.
- 32 We are almost up. Don't look back now (hidden).
- 34 Norse god.
- 35 This town is in 21 across.
- 36 A pretty one is quite a considerable sum of money.
- 37 Small batter-cakes.
- 38 Appearances—which one does not need to keep up.

Down

- 2 Satirize offensively.
- 3 Something told.
- 5 To make good—with reference to two.
- 6 Of gather round, by word of mouth.
- 7 Mind this—it may become a plague.
- 8 What one does not expect in a fairy tale.
- 9 The detestation of the school-boy.

Yesterday's Solution

ADAMANT CANOPUS
RUSSELL OROBOE
ROUNDEL ANGELUS
INSECTIFERUS
VIDE MOIST OMNI
AESTHETIC I O
LURCHED RUBICON
EUREKA
AVARICE, BOROUGH
NUTRIMENT L O
DOT GAMUT LYRA
INTELLIGENCE S R
REENACT DEIVED
OSENLEITTE
NOSEGAY REFUSED

Yesterday's Solution

PROBLEM
RECEIVE
OCTAVES
BEACONS
LIVONIA
EVENING
MESSAGE

The above is the word square of seven words that read the same across as from top to bottom.

STICKERS

1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9

The number 100 may be obtained by properly adding and multiplying the nine digits from 1 to 9. Each figure may be used but once and may not be used to form numbers of two figures. Can you arrange the figures to produce the required result?

TERRIBLE DEATH.

POPULAR SHANGHAI
RESIDENT BADLY BURNED.

Shanghai, Mar. 11. Mr. William James Young, affectionately known in sporting circles as "Paddy Young," was found dead in his bedroom at the St. Joseph's Club here yesterday. It appears that he went to bed shortly after mid-night smoking a cigarette which ignited the bedclothes.

When found on the floor of his room at six o'clock in the morning he was terribly burned, and died at the Country Hospital seven hours later.

He was a member of the staff of the A.P.C. He won the international walking match three times and held the "Stitt" cup for similar activity. He was very popular.

ANTI-SOVIET BAN.

RUSSIAN GOODS BARRED
FROM JUGO-SLAVIA.

Belgrade, Mar. 11. The Jugo-Slavian Government has prohibited the importation of Russian manufactures on the ground that the Soviet aim is to destroy the balance of exchange and production in the importing countries. —Reuter.

An inquest was opened, but has been adjourned until Friday. —Our Own Correspondent.

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Mr. J. E. Anderson and Miss
Anderson sincerely thank all
friends for their kind mes-
sages of sympathy in their
sudden and sad bereavement;
also for their presence at the
funeral and floral tributes.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY MARCH 12, 1931.

REAL PUBLIC SERVICE.

Further evidence of the enter-
prise and far-sightedness of those
who direct the destinies of the
Colony's telephone service was
forthcoming at yesterday's meeting
of the Hongkong Telephone Co.,
Ltd. The Colony, indeed, owes a
great debt to this ably-managed
concern, which must be counted as
one of the most efficient and pro-
gressive public utility companies in
Hongkong, if not of the Far East
in general. The indebtedness will
be even further increased as time
goes on, witness the plans for ex-
pansion of the service which were
outlined in the Chairman's annual
speech. The automatic system,
now in full operation, must be re-
garded as even far more success-
ful than was hoped when it was
first installed, so much so that the
public would contemplate with dis-
may a reversion to the old manual
system. Happily, no such prospect
ever need be feared. We pay this
tribute to the excellence of the
change the more readily seeing
that when the automatics were
first introduced there were not
wanting those who appeared to take
a peculiar pleasure in predicting
that the innovation would be a
failure. In every way it is an im-
mense improvement on former con-
ditions.

Outstanding amongst the an-
nouncements made at yesterday's
meeting was the promise, if
negotiations now proceeding reach
a successful conclusion, that within
two years this Colony will be linked
up by radio telephony with the
great outside world. Not much
imagination is required to envisage
what it will mean to Hongkong
when we can speak by word of
mouth to people in the Old Country
and in all the main capitals of the
world. From the commercial
standpoint, the gain will be tremen-
dous, for it will be readily realised
that a few minutes' actual conver-
sation can be decidedly more
effective in clearing up points be-
tween business houses than any
amount of cross-cabling. Then,
too, in the domestic sphere, at
times of emergency, it will be in-
valuable for those separated by
thousands of miles to be able to
converse just as freely as though
they were living in adjacent towns.

As yet, of course, there are no in-
dications of the rates which are
likely to apply in the case of a
Hongkong-Europe service. At the
start, they would naturally be
high, but as the facilities became
appreciated and the traffic grew, we
should doubtless witness a down-
ward revision of the charges.
That has been the case wherever
long-distance radio telephony ser-
vices have been established, and
Hongkong would be no exception to
the rule.

Looking at the matter on broad
lines, not only will the inaugura-
tion of the projected service bring
us closer to the Homeland, but it
will also bridge the gaps between
this Colony and other far-distant
parts of the globe. Hongkong
will cease to be a small isolated
Colony largely out of touch with
the West, and the new and better
contacts established will be of
incalculable value. In the more
local sphere also the Telephone
Company is demonstrating its
alertness and its appreciation of
the needs of the Colony, in which
connexion the early inauguration
of the Canton link and the propos-
ed extension of service to the New
Territories are pointers reflecting
a thoroughly go-ahead spirit. In
view of the present high standard
of efficiency and of the promise
of greater things to come, the Com-
pany should have every reason to
hope that its way will be rendered
as smooth as possible, and that
the authorities will do all in their
power towards that end.

The Tung Wah Nurses.

By embarking upon an ambitious
programme of nurse training, the
Directors of the Tung Wah Hos-
pital have made yet another big
advance in the application of
modern scientific methods of treat-
ment to this ancient institution.
It is not, indeed, an exaggeration
to regard Tuesday, when the first
batch of pupils trained by the
Tung Wah received their gradua-
tion certificates, as a red-letter day.
It is little more, historically speak-
ing, than a hop, a skip and a jump
backward to the day when patients
at the institution expected and re-
ceived treatment in the form of the
quaint and sometimes extremely
drastic medicines associated with
Chinese herbal doctoring, but after
the introduction of Western prac-
titioners some 60 years ago, the
reluctance to sacrifice the ancient
methods gradually disappeared
until to-day the Hospital commands
the confidence and respect of every
section of the community. The
new departure, the employment of
trained nurses to undertake the
running of the hospital in the ef-
ficient way that doctors, however
willing, cannot manage without
such assistance, more or less com-
pletes the break with the past, and
should mark the commencement of
a new era of successful endeavour,
surpassing the achievements al-
ready on record. It is interesting
to note that since the inaugura-
tion of the Nurses Training School
in 1928, nearly fifty students have
taken up the course, while a fea-
ture of these satisfactory figures
lies in the eagerness with which
many well-educated Chinese girls
seek to enter the nursing profes-
sion. It is difficult, not always
pleasant work, and the persever-
ance shown by all but eight of the
entrants warrants a tribute. Ser-
vice to humanity frequently exacts
heavy sacrifices from those who
undertake it, not least from those
who devote their lives to carrying
on the noble work honoured pre-
eminently in the name of Francis
Nightingale. The example shown
by the nurses, pupils and graduates,
of the Tung Wah Hospital is
highly encouraging from every
point of view.

CHARTERED BANK REPORT.

FINAL DIVIDED AND
BONUS.

The local Branch of the Charter-
ed Bank of India, Australasia and
China has received the following
telegram from its head office in
London:
"At annual meeting of share-
holders Board of Directors will
recommend final dividend at rate
of 14% per annum together with
Bonus of 6s. 3d. per share both
subject to Income Tax. £20,000.
set aside to meet contingencies.
£187,597. 9. Od. carried forward."

DAY BY DAY

ASK A FAVOUR OF AN ENEMY AND
YOU MAY POSSIBLY MAKE A FRIEND;
ASK A FAVOUR OF A FRIEND AND YOU
WILL PROBABLY MAKE AN ENEMY.
—Meredith.

Mr. G. P. de Martin has kindly
consented to distribute the prizes of
St. Joseph's College at 5 p.m. on
Monday, March 23 next.

Yesterday's return of notifiable
diseases shows one case of typhoid
fever, whilst on Tuesday a case of diphtheria
was notified. Both were Chinese.

Having returned from leave, Mr.
C. L. Sandes has taken over the man-
agement of the local branch of the
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., from
Mr. F. Thoroughgood.

It is advertised that the annual
general meeting of the Hongkong
Automobile Association will be held
in the board room of Messrs. Jardine,
Matheson and Co., on Friday, March
20, at 5.30 p.m.

Wong Chun, a cobbler of Temple
Street, has been admitted to Kowloon
Hospital in a serious condition. He
was hit by a ventilator while
working on the steamship Shell at Kowloon
Docks yesterday.

Cheung Tai Tau, coxswain of the
Shamshui ferry, reported to the
police this morning that while the
launch was on its way to Hongkong
yesterday, a woman jumped over-
board and was drowned.

While walking along the west wall
of the naval yard at Kowloon yester-
day, Mak Hoi (46), of No. 4, Kowloon
Lane, fell into the harbour. He was
rescued by Constable Bhulam Khan of
the Naval Yard Police and taken to
hospital suffering from immersion.

Reporting the larceny of clothing
and a clock valued at \$15.50 to the
Hung Hom Police Station yesterday.
In Aid of No. 29, Pak Ta Street,
found that the articles had already
been recovered. They were stolen
from Ip's house between 1.30 and 3.15,
and shortly after that hour, a Can-
tonese lance sergeant arrested Leung
Kun-fuk, aged 14 years, who was
carrying the clock.

Mail has been received at the
American Consulate General for the
following persons: General G. C.
Bradford, L. Bruce, P. Dry, Mrs. L.
Garland, E. P. M. von Gehren, T. F.
Inskell, E. Hastings, A. W. Hogan,
Mrs. S. E. Johnson, G. H. Koster, H.
A. Lane, F. C. MacLennan, A. H.
Martin, I. C. Miller, C. B. Olivarius,
A. R. French, O. Silka, H. D. Talbot,
Wardley and S. A. Zweibel.

For having stolen \$9, of which he
was the bailor, a Chinese named Koo
Kwan-nang, was ordered to pay a
fine of \$5, or, in default, undergo five
days' imprisonment, and pay back the
\$9 to the complainant. Chin Kang-
sang, a tailor, of 29, Nathan Road,
by Mr. Hamilton, at Kowloon Road
yesterday, the accused said they had
agreed to split the money, between
them, but he had not paid the \$4.50
owing to the complainant under this
arrangement.

A former Hongkong resident, Mr.
Arthur Akhurst, who has lived in
Shanghai for the past eighteen years,
has now returned to the Colony to
live, having been transferred from
the Head Office of Messrs. Millington
Limited, where he has been Chief
Copy Writer. He will be Assistant
Manager of the Hongkong Branch and
Superintendent of the Copy Depart-
ment which the firm is now establish-
ing here. Mrs. Akhurst, M.B.E., has
also come to Hongkong and will be
assisting her husband in the office.

THE BASKET TRICK

AND A LOT OF OTHERS.
By Sir PERCIVAL PHILLIPS.

Africain Ballet.

RAGGED Arab youth was
performing one of the world's
oldest tricks for some passengers
from our ship. He palmed a dis-
hevelled and disreputable looking
bushy chicken into the marble
top of a cane table and re-
covered it suddenly from the right
ear of a Colonial judge.

The judge, who had never been
seen to smile during four days of
sunbathing at sea, chuckled sheepishly
and looked as pleased as a boy at
his first pantomime.

He betrayed the weakness of us
all for the simple pleasures of na-
tive "side-shows." Every port on
the highways of the world has its
C. B. Cochran. Sophisticated tra-
vellers who abhor music-hall enter-
tainments surrender easily to the
magicians, jugglers, and strange
comedians who know that human
nature is always young and easily
entertained if approached in the
right way.

The wall of a pipe which an-
nounces an Indian snake "charmer"
will draw seasoned cynics as well as
verdant globe-trotters.

Cobra-Mongoose Act.

I think the cobra-mongoose act
which thrives east of Suez is the
best value of all. Harmless though
the cobra may be he causes an un-
easy thrill every time he lifts his
wicked hooded head and looks in-
stinctively for a victim. It is
worth 6d. to see his furtive advance
on the nearest spectator, ready to
strike, only to be yanked back
ignominiously by the tail before he
is able to make even a gesture of
hate.

It is worth twice that to watch
the mongoose at work. A low-caste
snake, the star victim of this
zoo-man holiday, is unleashed from
his basket and permitted to start
thankfully for the nearest jungle.
Before it has gone three feet, a
flash of lightning, which is the mon-
goose, hits it in the neck and that
is the end of the low-caste snake.

There is fascination, and much
mystery in the basket trick. A
small boy is trussed with rope and
packed into a wickerwork recep-
tacle which is then securely fasten-
ed. A sword is passed through and
through and the small boy howls
convincingly. But when the basket
is reopened after much patter by
the magician, it is empty, and be-
fore the spectators can recover from
their surprise the small boy appears
smiling from the back of the crowd.
His ability to climb a rope suspend-
ed from nothing and then disappear
in mid-air is widely known, but I
have yet to meet anyone who has
seen him do it.

The Chinese showmen prefer
crickets to cobras. They are train-
ed to fight each other like demons
and their backers bet heavily on
the result. Two sporting crickets
will enthrall a street crowd tense
until one or the other has been
knocked out.

Walk through a street in one of
the smaller towns where Western
civilisation has not spoiled the set-
ting, and you will undoubtedly meet
a troupe of strolling players in fan-
tastic masks, or disguised as queer
beasts. They dance and sing and
the children love them. More con-
ventional entertainers cling to the
amisan (native guitar) and are
sometimes supported by agile
youths on well-manipulated stilts.

Why I Prefer Silent Films.

By CHARLES CHAPLIN.

Because the silent or non-dialogue
picture has been temporarily
pushed aside in the hysteria at-
tending the introduction of speech
by no means indicates that the
motion picture screen has seen the
last of it.

"City Lights," which has just
been presented in New York, is
evidence of this. It is a non-di-
logue but synchronized film.
Why did I continue to make non-
dialogue films? The silent picture,
first of all, is a universal means of
expression. Talking pictures neces-
sarily have a limited field; they are
held down to the particular tongues
of particular races.

I am confident that the future
will see a return of interest in non-
talking productions because there is
a constant demand for a medium
that is universal in its utility. It
is axiomatic that true drama must
be universal in its appeal—the word
elemental might be better—and I
believe the medium of presentation
should also be a universal rather
than a restricted one.

Understand, I consider the talk-
ing picture a valuable addition to
the dramatic art regardless of its
limitations, but I regard it only as
an addition, not as a substitute.
Certainly it could not be a sub-
stitute for the motion picture that
has advanced as a pantomime art
form so notably during its brief
twenty years of story telling.

After all, pantomime has always
been the universal means of com-
munication. It existed as the uni-
versal "tool" long before language
was born.

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"Make out to him like I'm awfully popular and I'm just
accepting this date because you talked me into it."

SEVEN ESTATES
DEALT WITHLARGE SUMS OF MONEY
INVOLVED.

FORMER RESIDENTS.

Local estates totalling \$582,400, with not personally estates worth \$155,483. On 11th, have recently been dealt with at the Supreme Court.

Sir David Yule, late of No. 8, Clive Row, Calcutta, who died at Hants House, St. Albans, Hertford, on July 3, 1928, left Hongkong estate worth \$250,300, while not personally elsewhere amounts to \$225,504 19s. 3d. Re-selling of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors. Bequests are of a family nature.

The late Mr. Walter Ponte, late of "Woodmanote," West Byfleet, Surrey, who died at the Pump House Hotel, Llandudno, Wylfa, Radnor, on September 6, 1930, left local estate which has been valued at \$275,300, with not personally elsewhere amounting to \$29,978 1s. 8d. Re-selling of certified copy of probate has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, who is attorney for the executors.

In addition to family bequests, testator provides for contributions in equal shares to the London Hospital, Dr. Barnardo's Homes and the Church Army, in the event of the death of his wife or daughter.

Local estate worth \$36,500 was left by the late Mr. Harry Stanhope Dawson, who died at Ravenswood, formerly known as Aberfield, Ellington Road, Taplow, Bucks, on November 2, 1930. Re-selling of probate of the will has been granted to Mr. M. H. Turner, of Messrs. Deacons, who is attorney for the executors.

The late Mr. Charles Bonin, who died at Jarcelona, Spain, where he was temporarily residing, on September 29, 1929, left \$12,000 Hongkong estate. Letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted to Mr. G. E. N. Timson, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master.

Letters of administration with the will annexed to the estate of the late Mr. Fraser Jamieson, master mariner, have been granted to Mr. D. J. Gilmore, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China. Testator, who died at No. 36, East Street, Torrensburg, South Australia, on July 4, 1929, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$5,400, with other estate in Australia, the Straits Settlements and England. The bequests are of a family nature.

Local estate to the value of \$1,800 was left by the late Mr. Archibald John Jewell Brock, formerly of H.M. Naval Dockyard, Hongkong, who died at the Naval Hospital on December 21, 1930. Probate has been granted to Mrs. G. R. Chittenden, of No. 12, Polder Street. Everything is bequeathed to the widow.

The late Mr. William Cooper Passmore, master mariner, for many years employed by the Douglas Steamship Company Limited, formerly in command of the s.s. Hui Ching, who died at No. 5, Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon, on February 2, 1931, left local estate worth \$1,300. Probate has been granted to the widow, Mrs. N. G. Passmore, to whom everything is bequeathed.

OBITUARY.

MR. CHARLES STEARNS
HARTWELL.

Many friends of Miss Emily S. Hartwell, the well-known Foochow missionary, will regret to hear of the death of her brother, Mr. Charles S. Hartwell, aged 75 years, at the Shanghai Sanitarium on March 6th.

The late Mr. Hartwell was born in Foochow, his parents being pioneer missionaries of the American Board Mission, and it was his desire to visit Foochow once more. Although in feeble health, he undertook the journey from his home in Minneapolis, accompanied by his sister and her husband and his niece, Mr. and Miss Tupper. Mr. Hartwell was for over 30 years a teacher of English at two high schools in Brooklyn, N.Y., and retired in 1926. After his retirement he wrote for several American newspapers, notably the *Brooklyn Sunday Eagle*, to which he contributed a weekly letter addressed to his thousands of former students. These letters were later published in book form under the title "A Schoolmaster's Letters."

London, Mar. 12. The B.E.C. will attempt its first relay from South America on Saturday, when H.R.H. the Prince of Wales will open at 6 p.m. (British time) the British Empire Trade Exhibition at Buenos Aires. The proceedings will last half an hour. —*Reuter*.

"CORNER HOUSE"
OPENED.LANE, CRAWFORD'S LATEST
ENTERPRISE.

REAL DELICACIES.

A new venture has been launched in Hongkong to-day by the opening of Messrs. Lane, Crawford's new "Corner House", situated at the D'Algar Street corner. Here can be obtained everything delectable in the way of confectionery and sweetmeats, all manufactured by Lane, Crawford's themselves.

As to the popularity of this new venture, there can be not the slightest doubt. To-day crowds besieged the new premises, and were loud in their admiration of its excellent situation and the quality and variety of the goods displayed.

Special features include the offering of all varieties of biscuits which are made at the firm's own factory, and one need have no hesitation in stating that they compare very favourably indeed with anything of this description which is imported. The tremendous advantage which the local firm enjoys in this respect is that it can produce and sell its biscuits at a third of the price of imported assortments.

Delicacies also form one of the chief attractions of this new house, and the most delightful eclairs, cream buns, fruit flans and chocolate russe are to be seen in the attractive window display.

Visitors will find especial interest in the Easter egg display, in which chocolate and cream eggs and many novelties are featured.

One window which is attracting a great deal of attention is that in D'Algar Street which is devoted to something new and original in the way of fancy cream manufactured. A pirate junk, formed of chocolate and cream is a real work of art, whilst a cream model of the "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe" is something out of the ordinary.

Birthday and wedding cakes of artistic design and beautiful workmanship are also numbered amongst the alluring displays, whilst chocolates and fancy pastries have their own featured position in unlimited varieties.

Messrs. Lane, Crawford and Co., are to be congratulated on their enterprise, not only in providing the Colony with such an up-to-date centrally-located shop, but also for engaging two European specialists who will offer residents the very choicest of goods.

Lane, Crawford's "Corner House" promises to be a most popular rendezvous in the city, for those who delight in palatable and high class specialities.

A further announcement of unusual interest is that within a few weeks, a modern restaurant and cafe will be opened by this enterprising firm in the Theatre Building, one of the attractions of which will be "after-pictures suppers," an innovation, which, it is anticipated, will prove most popular.

WOMAN'S CLAIM
ON BANK.

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and added that he would make a note of it.

Mr. Jenkin continued that he would submit that the drawing of cheques on an account with the Banque was clearly one of the banking facilities contemplated by the deed. He contended that there was a general undertaking in respect of the ordinary use of cheques in the deed, and that general undertaking was not limited by the three covenants.

An overdraft, he said, was obviously an advance of a sum of money by a banker to a person. That being so, he would submit that the second of the clauses covered by the covenant was also in respect of all advances made by the mortgagee, or on account of, Mr. Pittendigh.

Question of Proof.

An argument ensued between his Lordship and Mr. Potter regarding the completeness of Mr. Jenkin's defence in respect to his pleadings.

Mr. Potter said the defence denied the breach of his covenant, but they could not prove their denial.

His Lordship:—Yes, they can prove it.

Mr. Potter:—They can't prove it in their defence.

His Lordship pointed out that in order to prove it, the defence set out to establish the fact that certain circumstances which existed allowed them to take a certain course of action in the absence of notice, and therefore that action, although taken without notice, did not amount to breach of covenant.

Mr. Potter said he agreed, and that was the case which he had put yesterday and had supported by law—that not only had the defendants to deny breach of covenant, but to set out a specific case.

His Lordship said that incidentally the defence was also a statement of claim. The fact that the defendants alleged a breach of

NAVAL AGREEMENT
TERMS ISSUED.

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Naval Treaty must be maintained.

The details of the Treaty were issued in the form of an Admiralty memorandum, which was read to the House by Mr. Alexander, who said that the agreement would not give rise to any additional new construction, but would merely permit France to retain her existing capital ships.

France had undertaken to scrap two of the three old battleships which under the Washington Treaty were not replaceable.

Important Points.

The important point discussed in Paris and Rome, on which they obtained agreement, was he thought, the reduction of the calibre of the guns of the proposed new capital ships from 13 inches to 12.

It was also satisfactory to note that the tonnage regulated by the Treaty of London, no further construction in what was known as Category "A" (10,000 tonnes equipped with eight-inch guns) was to take place in France or Italy after the completion of the 1930 programmes, and this would mean that each would rest upon the strength of 70,000 tons of under-age ships in that category.

Small Cruiser Category.

By the terms tentatively agreed upon at the London Naval Conference and now embodied in the draft disarmament convention drawn up by the Preparatory Commission on Disarmament, France and Italy were able to treat Category B cruisers, with gun calibres not exceeding 6.1 inches, and destroyers as being in one category.

In that category France might have in December, 1936, if she built to her maximum rather more than 190,000 tons of ships for replacement, whilst Italy would have about 151,360 tons. It was anticipated, however, that the French Government would, in addition, possess in 1936, a large over-age tonnage in that category.

The British delegates had made it clear during the negotiations that the temporary retention of that tonnage, conferred on France no claim to its ultimate replacement, and a reservation included in the White Paper adequately safeguarded the position.

During the debate on the Naval Estimates, Mr. Alexander declared that no undertakings were given during the recent naval conversations in Paris that Britain would support the French theories at the Disarmament Conference.

An extension of the life of destroyers was also provided for.

Conservative Critic.

Mr. L. C. M. S. Amery, who voiced the Conservative attitude, questioned whether Britain was not paying too much to get an agreement and mentioned that in regard to submarines, France had 81,900 tons and Italy, 52,700 tons, as against a total of 52,700 for the whole of the British Empire. —*Reuter and British Wireless*.

Japanese Press Opinion.

Tokyo, Mar. 12.

Contrary to expectation, the details of the Franco-Italian Naval Agreement, which were to have been published simultaneously in the capitals of the five Naval Powers, are not yet available officially in Tokyo.

London Press despatches outlining the agreement arrived too late last night to enable the vernacular newspapers to comment thereon, though the *Chugai*, in the course of a leading article on the general aspects of the pact, appears to reflect the attitude of the Japanese generally.

Recognising the value of the Franco-Italian Agreement from the standpoint of armament limitation and world peace, the *Chugai* nevertheless expresses dissatisfaction at the "significant inconsistency" of allowing France such a large tonnage in submarines after inducing Japan to give up her original demands on submarine tonnage at the London Naval Conference. —*Reuter*.

another covenant formed part of their defence and was a statement of claim for that reason. The defence said that in fact though they gave no notice, they were in no breach, and that the allegation that the complainants were in breach of another covenant was part of their defence.

Mr. Potter said he was afraid he could not agree. If such was the case, the position of pleaders would be impossible. It was no use merely denying a breach. His Lordship said his view was that Mr. Jenkin had pleaded something which had not been set out, and he now wished to raise points regarding it. His Lordship did not consider he could raise those there and then unless it was done so on terms. He did not think Mr. Jenkin should be shut out altogether, but his points would have to be raised on terms. The case is proceeding.

CHURCH EXTENSION
SCHEME.PROPOSED BUILDING IN
KOWLOON.

NEW ST. PETER'S.

Church extension matters were referred to at the Victoria Diocesan Conference, including the possible erection of a new church in Waterloo Road, Kowloon.

In presenting the report of the Executive Council, Dean Swann said:—Since the last Victoria Diocesan Conference the Executive Council has met twice—on December 4, 1930, and February 11, 1931.

At these meetings the following matters were considered:—(1) the possibility of Church Extension in Kowloon; (2) the building of a new St. Peter's Church; (3) the Conference Budget for 1931; (4) arrangements for this Conference. With regard to (1), a letter was written to the Government asking for the reservation of a site for a church in Waterloo Road, Kowloon. No reply to this letter has been received to date.

The New St. Peter's.

In connexion with (2) the Dean reported that there seemed to be a possibility of proceeding shortly with the building of a new St. Peter's. The Cathedral architects had reported that a church to St. Herbert Baker's plans could probably be built for not more than the amount promised by Government, and a suitable site near St. Stephen's Girls' College seemed likely to be available. After discussion the Council asked that the St. Peter's Sub-Council should give its views on the site suggested.

Since this meeting of the Council the St. Peter's Sub-Council has emphatically voted for proceeding as soon as may be with the erection of the church on the site proposed if, and as soon as, that site and the Government grant are definitely found to be available. The C.M.S. Associated Schools, who now lease the land in question, have been shown the proposed lay out of the church and it is hoped that a definite arrangement will soon be made which will secure this site for the church. On the conclusion of such an arrangement the Government grant will be applied for. At its second meeting, the Executive Council agreed to leave the matter now in the hands of the Cathedral Church Council.

Officers Elected.

During the business session the following were elected to the Executive Council:—Bishop Duppy, Rev. C. B. Shann, Rev. W. W. Rogers, Miss R. Mow Fung, Rev. N. V. Hallwood, Prof. L. Forster, Mr. R. Ashton Hill, Mr. J. W. Baldwin, Prof. J. L. Shellshear, Mr. A. C. Braine, Mr. Hartnell, Dr. G. A. C. Herklotz and Rev. A. D. Stewart. Rev. P. Jenkins and Rev. C. E. Shann were re-elected. Frater delegates to the Diocesan Synod, the proposed budget was accepted.

EXCHANGE BONUS TO
SHAREHOLDERS.THE HONGKONG FIRE
INSURANCE CO., LTD.

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on the 26th instant, the payment on account of the year 1929 of a Dividend of \$50 together with an "Exchange" Bonus of \$10 per Share absorbing \$480,000; to pass the balance of \$113,587.77 to the credit of Reinsurance Fund and to carry forward \$769,996.61 in respect of the year 1930.

They wish it to be understood, however, that the continuance or otherwise of the Bonus, in the whole or in part, will depend entirely on Exchange and it should not be viewed in any other light than that of a temporary measure.

SHOTS FIRED AT
RUNAWAY.ALLEGED THEFT OF
CLOTHING.

Following the sound of police whistles near Au Pui Leung at 3.20 a.m. to-day, an Indian sergeant saw a man running. He called on the man to stop, but the runner called back "If you follow me, I shall kill you."

The Indian fired three shots with his revolver, all of which missed. The man was eventually captured by two Cantonese policemen. No arms were found on him, but it is alleged that he had stolen clothing from a house in the vicinity.

FATHER ROBBED
BY SON.THEFT OF A KNITTING
MACHINE.

PRISON SENTENCE.

Li Cheung was charged before Mr. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with the theft of a knitting machine the property of his father, Li Ping-cheung, master of the Kai Cheung Knitting Factory in 197, Keelung Street.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks watched the case on behalf of the complainant. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge, but in extenuation said that on the day in question the complainant went across the harbour leaving instructions for him to clean the machine. As the machine was out of order, he unlocked it, and having satisfied himself that there was something wrong, he took it to the Tung Sang Engineering Shop to get it repaired. As they could not repair it, he took it to another shop, where it was put to right.

During his absence his father had returned home and lodged a report of the loss of the machine with the police. On hearing of this he (the accused) took the machine to his own shop and later sold it to another man for \$230.

Remarking that there were no extenuating circumstances in this statement, Mr. Hamilton imposed a sentence of one month's imprisonment.

An application made by Mr. Brooks for the return of the machine to the owner was granted.

WHY I PREFER SILENT
FILMS.

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At what point in the world's history pantomime first made its appearance is speculative. Undoubtedly it greatly antedates the first records of its part in Greek culture. It reached a highly definite development in Rome, and was a distinct factor in the medieval mystery plays.

Ancient Egypt was adept in its use, and in the sacrificial rites of Druidism and in the war dances of the aborigines of all lands it had a fixed place.

Action is more generally understood than words. The lift of an eyebrow, however faint, may convey more than a hundred words. Like the Chinese symbolism, it will mean different things according to its scenic connotation.

Listen to a description of some unfamiliar object—an African wart-hog, for example—then describe it; observe a picture of the animal and then note the variety of astonishment.

We hear a great deal about children not going to the movies any more, and it is undoubtedly true that hundreds of thousands of prospective film patrons, of future flingers, young tots who formerly thrilled to the silent screen, do not attend any more because they are unable to follow the dialogue of talking pictures readily. On the other hand, they do follow action unerringly.

This is because the eye is better trained than the ear. There is nothing in "City Lights" that a child won't follow easily and understand.

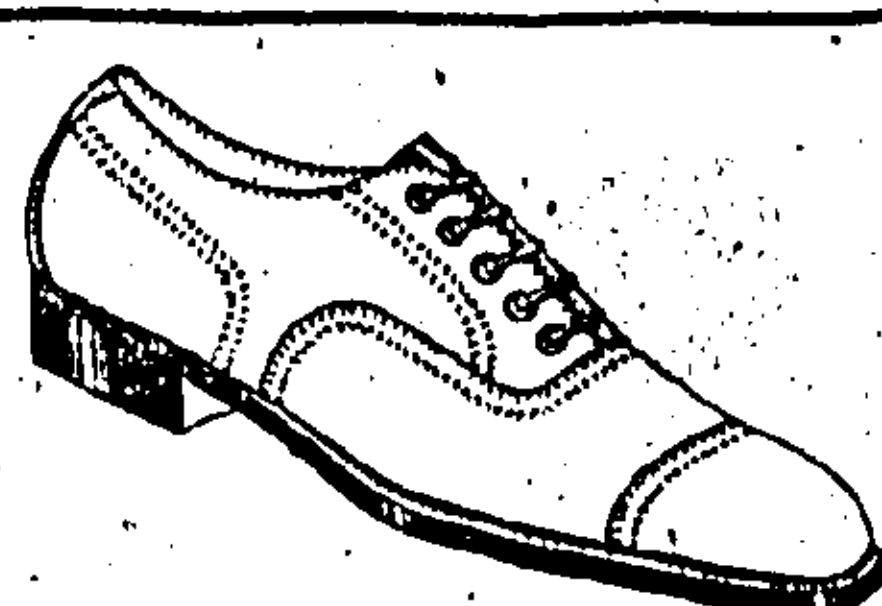
I am a comedian and I know that pantomime is more important in comedy than it is in pure drama. It may be even more effective in farce than in straight comedy.

These two differ in that the former implies the attainment of humour without logical action—in fact, rather the reverse; and the latter achieves this attainment as the outcome of sheer legitimate motivation. Silent comedy is more satisfactory entertainment for the masses than talking comedy, because most comedy depends on swiftness of action, and an event can happen and be laughed at before it can be told in words.

Of course, pantomime is invaluable in drama, too, because it serves to effect the gradual transition from farce to pathos or from comedy to tragedy much more smoothly and with less effort than speech can ever do.

I base this statement on recent observations; the sudden arrival of dialogue in motion pictures is causing many of our actors to forget the elements of the art of acting. Pantomime, I have always believed, and still believe, is the prime qualification of a successful screen player.

A truly capable actor must possess a thorough grounding in pantomime. Consider the Irvings, Coquellins, Bernhardt, Dues, Mansfields, and Booths, and you will find at the root of their art pantomime. My screen character remains speechless from choice.

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KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

A SMALL PROFIT MADE LAST YEAR.

The annual report and balance sheet of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club has just been circulated, from which we take the following extracts:—

Finance.—For the first time since 1927 the Working Account shows a small profit, viz. \$403.10. Last year the loss was \$192.22 and your Committee then recommended that steps be taken to augment the Club's revenue. As a result, Extraordinary Meetings were held early in the year and Special Resolutions passed for increasing Entrance Fees and Subscriptions as from July 1st, 1930. It will be seen from the accounts that, although these increases were only operative in the second half of the year, the revenue from Entrance Fees and Subscriptions is greater by \$1,150. The steps taken by the members have undoubtedly placed the Club's finance on a sounder basis.

Membership.—50 New Members joined during the year and 65 Members resigned or were struck off for various reasons. Our Membership is now 7 Life, 160 Ordinary, 64 Seagoing and 4 Honorary, a total of 231 Members.

Club House and Grounds.—The Club House has been maintained in good condition, and thoroughly redecorated internally, and external woodwork represerved. Owing to the enormous quantity of ice required for bar use, it was considered more economical to instal a Kelvinator. It is anticipated that its cost will be saved in less than three years. The second well, which was built in the latter part of 1929, has more than justified the money expended on it, the saving in excess water consumption to the date being considerable. Owing to high cost involved, it was found impossible to erect the proposed fence on the Austin Road side of the Club Grounds. With the increased cost of commodities and labour due to the low rate of exchange, and subsequent increased overhead charges it is anticipated that this project will not materialise for some time to come. The raten chairs, for use on the tennis courts, have been replaced by four substantial garden seats. The whole of the garden seats, score boards, etc., have been thoroughly renovated and repainted.

Bowls.—Two teams were entered in the Lawn Bowls Leagues, and each did very well, especially the Second Team, who are to be congratulated on their consistent record in being in the play off for the championship for two years in succession.

With most of last year's players available, and the return of the old players from leave, the Club can look forward with every confidence to next year's League Season.

The usual Club Competitions and Games were held and keenly contested, the entries for the Competitions comparing favourably with former years.

The General Committee take this opportunity of heartily congratulating Mr. A. M. Holland on winning the Championship of the Colonies.

Mr. D. F. Warren, Past President of the Club, very kindly presented "The Attorney Shield" to be played for annually by means of a rink competition. The thanks of the Club are due and are here accorded, to Mr. Warren for his generous gift.

Tennis.—The usual Club Competitions and Games were held and keenly contested. The Committee note with pleasure the increased interest in this section of the Club's activities, and hope it will be fully maintained during the coming year.

Four new Tennis Nets were purchased during the year, and it is hoped that, as funds permit, extra gear, such as New Screens, etc., will be obtained.

Messrs. The Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., kindly presented "The Neangle Cup" for the Men's Championship Competition, together with a replica of this Cup, each year, for the winner. The thanks of the Club are due, and are here accorded, to Messrs. The Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co. for their generous gift.

Obituary.—Your General Committee regret to record the deaths of the following members during the year:—Messrs. G. W. C. Burnett, G. K. Arthur and R. Carruthers.

BIG LOSS OF RUBBER IN LONDON FIRE.

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It is unofficially estimated that out of 3,000 tons of rubber in warehouses at Butler's Wharf, which caught fire at the week-end, 1,500 to 2,000 tons has been destroyed or damaged by water, of which at least 500 tons has been totally destroyed. Official figures are not yet available.—Reuter.

LADIES'S HOCKEY.

There will be a League match between St. Andrew's Club and the H.K.L.H.C. at Sookunpoo on Saturday, at 3.30 p.m. Teams are as follows: St. Andrew's—A. Hyman, I. Rogers, P. Woolley, I. Gittins, M. White, I. Woolley, F. Wong, P. Gittins, M. Woolley, N. Field, E. Landolt, H.K.L.H.C.—J. Smalley, E. Gray, B. V. Franklin, E. O'Hagan, A. Owen, Hughes, M. L. Wallace, E. R. Bell, N. McNeillie, E. M. Donnan, G. Ferguson, M. Bishop.

TENNIS TOURNERY.

PROGRESS IN SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP.

In defeating J. H. Anderson yesterday, A. L. Sullivan entered the fourth round of the singles tennis championship, and now meets Chiu Chun-chiu for right to figure amongst the last eight. H. N. Chau was another third round winner, defeating F. H. Kwok after a full-distance match.

Ho and Lu won through to the third stage of the open doubles by eliminating Noronha and da Rocha in straight sets, and they were accompanied by Tsui and Ip, who beat Ng and Slow by the odd set.

The only match in the Club Championship was that between Y. Segalen and D. M. MacDougall, the former securing the honours after a protracted encounter in which no fewer than 34 games were played. Results:

Open Singles.

H. N. Chau beat F. H. Kwok, 6-3, 1-6, 7-5.

Chiu Chun-chiu beat Chan So, 6-4, 6-3.

A. L. Sullivan beat J. H. Anderson, 6-2, 6-2.

Open Doubles.

Ho Wah-ling and Lu Tak-lam beat G. A. Noronha and L. A. da Rocha, 7-5, 6-3.

Tsui and Ip beat Ng and Slow, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Club Championship.

Y. Segalen beat D. M. MacDougall, 6-4, 6-8, 6-4.

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

Open Singles.

H. Lo v D. W. Dean.

S. A. Rumjahn v W. N. Patch.

E. C. Fincher v E. Zimmer.

Open Doubles.

Ho Ka-lau and Yew v Kwok and Chan.

Lo and Lu v Luk and Luk.

Tsui and Tsoh v Hung and Chiu.

Club Championship.

H. Owen Hughes v G. E. Holme.

The Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce advertise that a new class for beginners in the study of colloquial Cantonese will shortly be formed.

POLICE INTERPORT SPORTS TO-DAY.

ARRIVAL OF SHANGHAI MEN YESTERDAY MORNING.

The Shanghai Police Force football and other teams arrived yesterday morning for the series of contests which they are to have with members of the Hongkong Police Force. They were met on arrival by Chief Detective Inspector A. N. Reynolds and other members of the local Force.

The most important of the contests is the football match which is being played on the Club ground this afternoon, starting at 4.15 p.m.

As the Shanghai team was delayed and prevented from attending a smoking concert arranged on Tuesday night, the local committee has decided to hold a smoker on Saturday at the Police Club.

The visitors were entertained at a dance held at the Lane Crawford's Restaurant last night. It was attended by quite a large number of people and proved to be a very enjoyable affair. Gaety and merriment prevailed throughout the evening, and dancing was continued until a late hour.

The following teams have been selected to represent the Hongkong Police Force in the various contests: Football—Clark; Perkins and Brittain; Thorp, Oram, and Shepherd; Polo, Cornwall, Fraser, Wheeler and Brown. Reserves: Munty, Baker, Carruthers.

Billiards—Carey, Fender, Bradwell, Ellis, Gowan and Pile. Golf—P. P. J. Wedhouse, J. W. Franks, Shepherd, James, Booker and Chairman.

Revolver Shooting—Booker, Carpenter, Carey, Ritchie, Brand, MacKay, Russell and Scott. The billiards is to be played at the premises of the South China A. A. in China Building at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow; the golf to-morrow and the revolver shooting at the Talkoo Range on Monday.

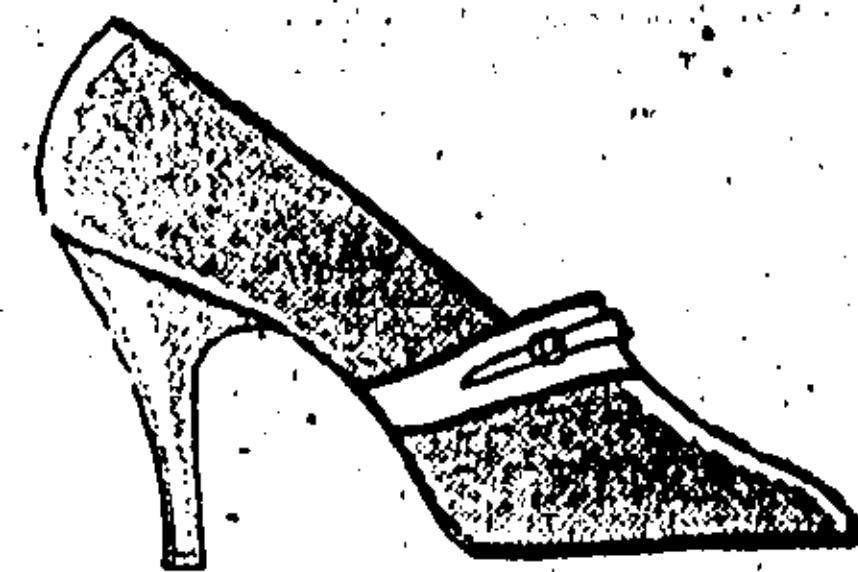
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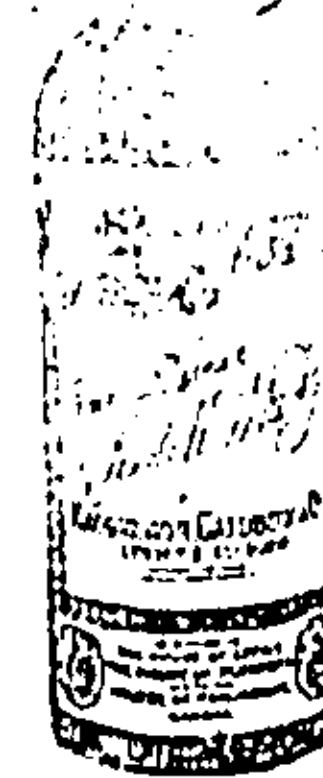
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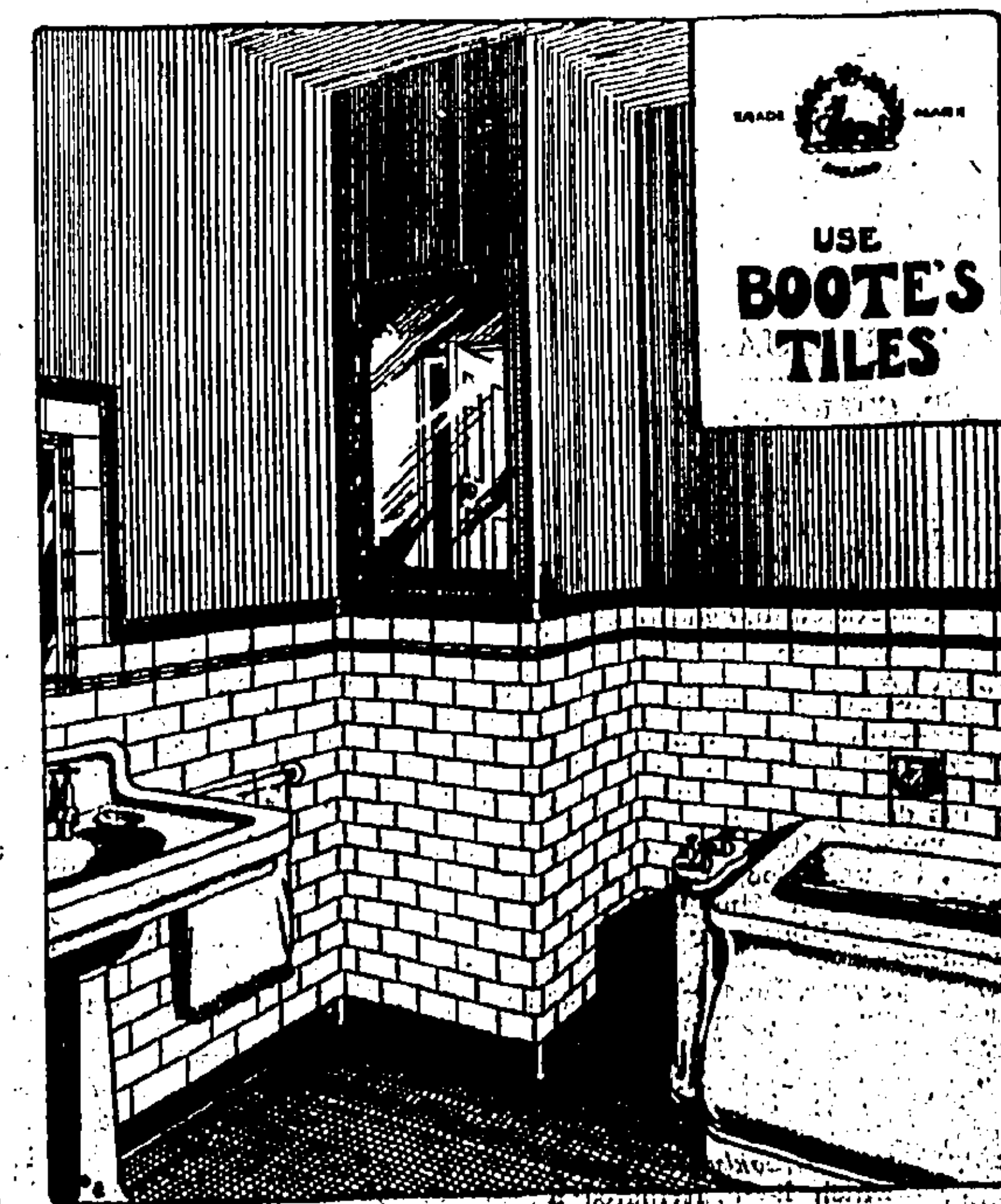


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By ETHEL HUESTON.

BEGIN HERE TO-DAY.

Life in the little town of Red Thrush, Iowa, was too unexciting to suit Ginger Ellis. When she was a girl, she had dreamed of being a Junior Country Club and thus having the younger set from complete boredom. Accordingly she arranged for the purchase of the Mill Bush farm, a 10-acre tract with an old rambling house on it, and she arranged with Jenny Brooks and her husband, blind Henry Brooks, to act as chaperons. The idea was that the club was to be exclusive. No parents allowed and no children. The motion was heartily seconded by Ginger's intimate, all of them leading spirits in Red Thrush—Eddy Jackson, Wesley Moore, and Fatty Sears.

Ginger was the daughter of a minister and the stepdaughter of a very wealthy woman, the former Phil Van Doorn.

The farm and farm house bought, Ginger proceeded with a general overhauling in which all the high school kids of Red Thrush enthusiastically assisted. Furnishings were donated, Eddy Jackson even gave an old motor named Mrs. Jackson. And there she led, Ginger, with the form of the organization of the club.

It was agreed that the purpose was to have a good time. And one day, while the rehabilitation of the old house was going on, Ginger was in the kitchen of her home making cookies, assisted by Goodby, the cook, when a shadow fell across the doorway. Now she sat on the floor.

"What?" asked Goodby, who was a direct woman.

"I merely wondered," continued the pleasant voice, "if you would not like to have a small crayon sketch of yourself, by myself? Like this, I assure you I am quite good. I studied at the best schools in Philadelphia and New York. I won a three years' scholarship in Paris, and I have the very best of recommendations. In exchange for a square meal, with as much of the culinary franchise as I can assimilate."

"Do you mean?" inquired Goodby, "that you think you could make a picture look like that and look like me?"

The voice coughed deprecatingly.

"Alas, that even the divinest of the arts should be thus circumscribed," it mourned. "But one of this general size and style and it must be a very good dinner. Why,

a true patron of the arts would pay 25, 50 dollars for a sketch like this done by an honor student of three fine art schools?"

"I think he wants something to eat," said Goodby apologetically, turning to Ginger.

She flapped across the room in her flat-heeled sneakers and set the mixing-bowl on the table with a resounding thud.

"You want to do a portrait for your dinner, do you?" she inquired coldly. "All right. Do me!" She rolled the white doilies purposefully high above her elbows and sat grimly down, arms folded sternly before her on the table.

"Go ahead!" she commanded. "Do me!"

The man on the porch wasted no time. He opened the screen door, placed his portfolio on the table and silently took from it a large pad of paper and a couple of thick pencils, which he sharpened with meticulous care.

Ginger watched him blackly, said nothing.

He was tall and slim and sun-burned. He wore no hat and his dark hair was slightly ruffled from the wind. He wore heavy English brogues, much travel worn, and thick woolen socks. His knicker suit was of a light pattern and a loose weave, the coat more than a little baggy.

His shirt, of what is commonly called a soft sports style, appeared not to have been ironed, as indeed it had not, he was washing it out himself each night.

His hair, Ginger was surprised to notice, was quite black and showed no grey at the temples, nor the thinning on top that she had vaguely expected. His pointed, well-trimmed black beard of silky texture was also untouched with grey.

As if entirely oblivious of her cold and unfavourable appraisal, he pulled a chair up to the table and sat down, tipping it back under him upon the two rear legs, his left foot propped beneath to hold it steady. His right foot he balanced nicely on the round of the chair by the heel of his shoe.

thus elevating his knee to im-provide an easel for his drawing pad.

When he had rubbed down the point of his pencil to satisfaction he looked at Ginger for the first time, looking at her with quick and searching intentness as an artist must. And he became aware that in spite of her grim expression and her somewhat shrewish manner, caricatured though she was by the ugly red handkerchief and her white arms forced akimbo, her eyes were of surprising seraphic blueness; her face, although flushed from her labour, creamy white and delicately featured; her throat slim alabaster.

"Why, you're not at all bad looking," he said in a tone of great surprise.

"Not—bad looking?" repeated Ginger. "Well, I rather hope I'm not. Most people consider me extremely good looking. Extremely! Look at my mouth. Could an artist paint a better line? It's better with lipstick, but I always lick it off when I get to work. Look at my eyes—there's a blue for you. And see how my lashes curl up. Not bad looking!"

"Of course I'd rather be a brunette if I could choose," she added, in a tone that was almost friendly, "but as blondes go, I'm supposed to hold my own."

"Gosh, you—you're frank about it," he said faintly.

"Why not? It's the truth, isn't it? You admitted that you are a good artist, didn't you? If you were good looking, would you be above saying saying so?"

"Why, am I such an eyesore as all that?" he asked in some amusement.

"Oh, you're all right," she said kindly. "I probably won't be bragging about my looks either when I am your age."

He laughed a little, but as he was already making deft sure strokes on the block of paper he did not bother to reply.

Ginger leaned far across the table toward him and there was grim determination in her manner. "Listen," she said, "you ought to be ashamed of yourself—bumming meals from house to house like this. A man of your age, and not without ability! Certainly you've got a good line! Well, one of the courses they made me study to broaden my mind when I wouldn't go to college was one on society in general. I had to read a book on Dependents, Defectives and Delinquents."

"What's that got to do with me?"

"Everything," she said firmly. "For you're one of them. It told all about you—the book did."

"Any woman who hands out food to a hobo over the back porch is absolutely contributing to his moral delinquency. She's as bad as he is. Every man has a right to a living wage and proper living conditions. It says in the book that every man can earn a living if he is willing to work. You would be amazed at what it says about men like you in Dependents, Defectives and Delinquents."

"Now, I don't care anything about having my portrait done. I am not one of those soft and spineless women who contributes to the moral delinquency of her fellow beings. But I just made up my mind to tell you what's what and make you ashamed of yourself."

"Perhaps you've never had a chance to study that sort of thing, and don't realize that at your age you should be able to retire and live in quiet comfort for the rest of your life with your children and grandchildren about your knee—one generation at a time, of course—and all of you—er—living on your income. You—you would be a bonded gentleman if you had lived up to your opportunities instead of resorting to degradation and—er—beggary. You—"

The stranger within her gates had entirely given up his drawing. Through some sentences he had been gazing at her in speechless amazement.

(To be continued.)

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Montevideo	37	37 1/2
Hongkong	11 1/2	11 1/2
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INTER-UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS.

BIG ENTRY FOR FORTH- COMING LOCAL MEETING.

There has been a large entry for the Inter-University Athletic Meeting, to be held on Saturday and Sunday, March 14 and 15, on the South China A.A. ground at Caroline Hill, commencing at 1.30 p.m. each day.

The 1,000 meters relay open to clubs and 800 meters open to colleges (most entries) will take place on Saturday, and the relays for school boys and girls will take place on Monday.

Entries for the major events include the pick of the athletes from Hongkong University, Lingnam University and Sun Yat-sen University (Canton), all the events being well supported, and good sport is assured.

The programme includes the usual short sprints, commencing with the 100 meters, and longer track races, going up to 10,000 meters; high and low hurdles, javelin and discus throw, shot put, long and high jumps, polo vault, and hop, step and jump, besides Inter-Varsity relay races.

The complete list of entries is as follows:

Hongkong University.
Discus Throw—Vargnessoff, D. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, T. K. Lien (Res.).
100 M.—Lee Hah-long, Ho Shai-cheong, V. E. Koppe, A. B. Sullivan (Res.).
110 M.—Lee Hah-long, C. Candah, A. Bakar, C. T. Law (Res.).
Javelin Throw—D. Oppenheim, A. Bakar, B. Sullivan, Gossano, L. Oppenheim (Res.).
Pole Vault—C. Candah, A. Bakar, C. M. Lee, Berovitch (Res.).
Putting the shot—D. Oppenheim, P. L. Tan, Berovitch, Vargnessoff (Res.).
200 M.—Lee Hah-long, A. Bakar, C. Candah.
200 M.—Lee Hah-long, Ho Shai-cheong, R. S. Tinsington, A. Bakar (Res.).
400 M.—R. S. Tinsington, A. Bakar, S. C. Ho, D. J. N. Anderson (Res.).
1,000 M.—H. H. Ma, A. A. T. Nomanbhoy, Young Wai-wah.
800 M.—D. J. N. Anderson, Nomanbhoy, H. H. Ma, Woo Hung-tak (Res.).
1,500 M.—D. J. N. Anderson, H. H. Ma, Nomanbhoy, Ong Tong-yong (Res.).
Hop, Step and Jump—A. Bakar, C. Candah, K. P. Gan, O. de Souza (Res.).
Long Jump—C. Candah, O. de Souza, K. P. Gan, K. T. Luk (Res.).
High Jump—Lee Hah-long, C. Candah, C. T. Law, L. A. Silva (Res.).

Lingnam University.
100 M.—Lau Tang, Philip Chue, Cheung Kung-sheng, Milton Goo.
200 M.—Lau Tang, Philip Chue, Cheung Kung-sheng, Lau Wan-chiu.
400 M.—Mank Kwok-chan, Ma Chiu-chang, Szeto Kwong, Leung King-ping.

500 M.—Wong Shue-ping, Ka Man-cheung, Mank Kwok-chan, Charlie Leung.
1,500 M.—Wong Shue-ping, Ka Man-cheung, Charlie Leung.
10,000 M.—Ka Man-cheung, Wong Shue-ping.

Long Jump—Szeto Kwong, Milton Goo, Philip Chue, Cheung Kung-sheng.

High Jump—Leung King-ping, Cheung Wing-yau, Au Wan-yur, Ma Chiu-chang.

Hop, Step and Jump—Szeto Kwong, Cheung Kung-sheng, Leung King-ping.

Pole Jump—Au Wan-yur, Lo Kwoon-ye, Leung King-ping.

Shot Put—Milton Goo, Wong Cheung, Kwong Ying-ming.

Discus—Kwong Ying-ming, To Shue-cheng, Wong Shue-ping.

Javelin—Lai Yu-kau, Szeto Kwong, Milton Goo.

Low Hurdles—Leung King-ping, Lau Shuen-ping, Lau Wan-chiu (Res.).

High Hurdles—Lau Wan-chiu, Lo Kwoon-ye, Leung King-ping (Res.).

400 M. Relay—Lau Tang, Milton Goo, Philip Chue, Cheung Kung-sheng.

800 M. Relay—Lau Wan-chiu, Lau Tang, Philip Chue, Cheung Kung-sheng.

1,000 M. Relay—Mank Kwok-chan, Leung King-ping, Ma Chiu-chang, Szeto Kwong, Lau Wan-chiu (Res.).

Sun Yat-sen University.

100 M.—Wong Sui-kai, Chong Kap-

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FANLING HUNT RACES.

LIST OF ENTRIES FOR THE MARCH MEETING.

The following are the entries for the February Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, March 22:

The March Maiden Steeplechase, 1½ Miles. For China Ponies that have never won a

Weight for Inches as per scale 5 lbs. Ponies that have started at Kwanti this season allowed 5 lbs. Winner: A Cup with \$50 added; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.—Christmas Belle (152), Diana (152), Gay Caballero (152), Gay Crusader (152), Good and Hot (149), Heretofore (149), Royal Flush (149).

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MODERN BELIEF IN GOD.

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with His being such a Father. We have, I hope, given up the false idea that a thing is right because God does it, for the conviction that God does a thing because it is right, and that we must judge God's actions by the light of those moral principles which our consciences approve as the rule of our own. This is but to say we must be sure that always, everywhere, God is good, and that for Him to be anything else would be to deny Himself.

When we come to ask what is God's power in relation to the world around us, some difference of opinion continues to exist. Not a little Christian thought to-day pictures a God who is virtually a prisoner in the midst of the world He has created. The discovery of the important and far-reaching generalizations which we style "laws of nature" has seemed to make it difficult to retain belief in prayer. Miracles and prayer seem to involve the possibility of "breaches" taking place in those laws, and much Christian thinking has attempted to effect a reconciliation with the demands of science, by the too simple method of rationalizing out the miraculous elements in the Gospel story.

The laws of nature however, while of the utmost service in the interpretation of phenomena and as the basis of fresh hypotheses, are not and cannot represent final or complete truth. Tremendous are the strides which science is making, we are still, in Newton's famous phrase, children playing on the shore of an infinite sea. An event may appear as a breach in what seems at any given time to be the natural order, and yet be no real contravention whatever of the real ultimate order of the Universe. Fifty years ago the healing miracles of Jesus seemed out of any relation to current scientific knowledge, yet the discoveries made subsequently in the realm of psychotherapy have opened up new fields of data on the power of spirit over matter. Cases of cancer, on record which at least form a link with some of those related in the gospels. Our attitude should not simply be that of trying to "rationalize" the miraculous elements in the New Testament but rather a humble expectancy that some day the key will be put into our hand that will show us a link between such miracles as the stilling of the tempest, and the natural order as we know it.

Religious Reasons.

But there are religious reasons why we should maintain belief in the God who is yet Almighty in the world of His creation. Can we conceive of a real father who would bind his conduct towards his children by a multiplicity of rules? The essence of the personal relationship between God and ourselves is just that it is personal, and so must not God leave Himself freedom to treat each of His children as the need of each may require?

True, God does seem to bind Himself by rules to a high degree, in order to make the world around us a stage on which the development of free personality may be possible. We must be able to direct our conduct on the basis of generalizations

FILIPINO SENTENCED AT SHANGHAI.

SEQUEL TO FATAL STABBING AFFAIR.

Shanghai, Mar. 11.

The trial before Judge Purdy in the U. S. Court for China of Raymondo Tobias, a Filipino, who killed a fellow national named W. C. Garcia during a brawl at the corner of North Szechuen and Range Roads on September 23, last year, concluded this morning, with a sentence of eight years' imprisonment.

The sentence will be served in Bilibid prison, Manila.

Although the charge was originally one of murder, it was amended to manslaughter on condition that a plea of guilty were entered, which is in accordance with American legal practice.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

[The affair arose out of a brawl in a cabaret, which was followed by a scuffle in the road in which the deceased was fatally stabbed.]

THE ROSEVILLE.

CREW SAFE ON TOURABOUT ISLAND.

No further news has been heard with regard to the Norwegian vessel Roseville, which grounded near Turnabout Island last week, beyond the fact that the crew, numbering about 35, are now safe on Turnabout Island.

The Kowloon Dock tug Henry Keswick, which left Hongkong for Turnabout Island on Saturday afternoon, has not yet returned, and it is understood that no details of the mishap will be available until the return of the tug to port.

Messrs. Thoresen and Co., the local agents, said yesterday that there was a possibility of the crew coming to Hongkong on the Henry Keswick, but definite news had not been received in the Colony.

about the behaviour of the things among which we live, and know that our generalizations are for the most part trustworthy. Except for the knowledge that fire burns and water drowns, the martyr's sacrifice would lose its value. But yet Jesus revealed a God both able and eager to place a miracle-working power at the disposal of one who was attuned to His will, and some of us would see this element in God's almightiness restored to its place in our thought of Him.

If we live within a closed order, prayer, at least for material benefits, becomes largely meaningless. In the interests of what tends to become a false spirituality, we are sometimes told we should rather pray for the greater gifts of submission to and acceptance of the divine will than for material good or deliverance from material evil. This is surely to make a contrast which is false. Every good and perfect gift, material or spiritual, is from the Father of Lights. No request of His child can fall outside the scope of His attention and plan of action.

In conclusion the Christian conception of God is not yet. We are seeking after it, and it is a quest in which everyman takes his part. We still need the warning against imagining that my thought of God is exclusively right, and therefore

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my neighbour's must be wrong. The apprehension of God in His fulness can only be by all the saints, of every age and race, a quest for which even eternally may be too short.

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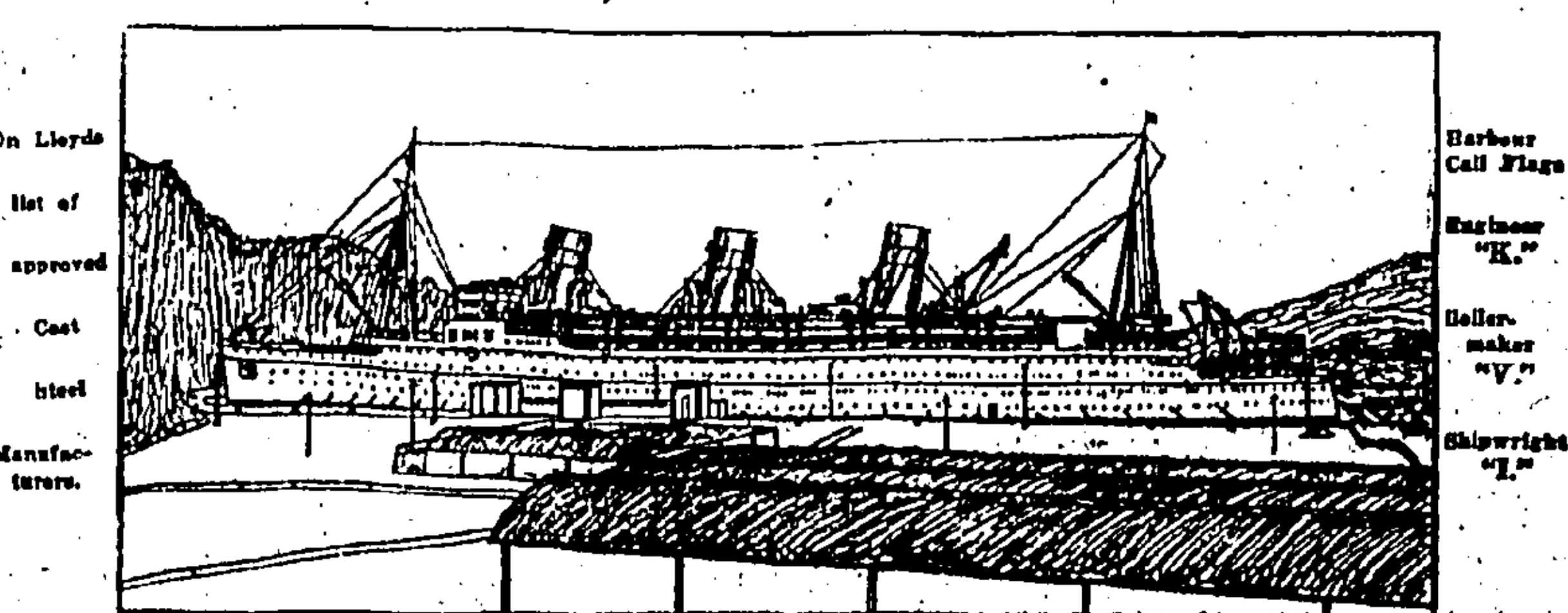
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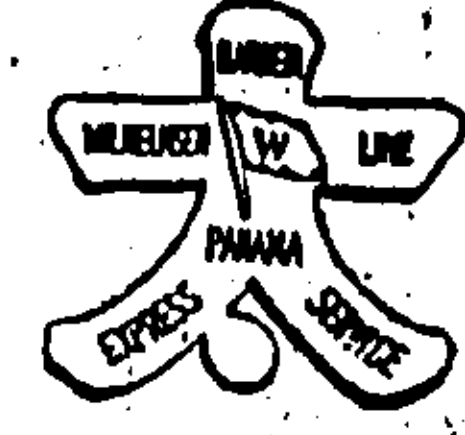
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INTERESTING CASE.

A form of Limerick competition, with prizes of cigarettes awarded to the person who successfully supplies the missing character in a sentence, was held to come within the meaning of the definition of gambling when three men appeared before Mr. Williams at the Central Police Court this morning. The first and second charged with keeping a common gaming house and the third with gambling.

The police accepted the plea of the second defendant that he was merely an assistant, and he was discharged.

Detective Sergeant McDonald told his Worship that the police raided 148, Hollywood Road last night and found the horse-racing game of Escalado and the "missing word poem" game, which was the subject of the present charges, in progress.

Detective Inspector Shannon explained the principle of the game to his Worship, producing a batch of papers on which were sentences with one character missing. The idea was to fill in the missing character, the person successfully finding the correct character being awarded a prize of cigarettes.

The officer remarked that some of the sentences were extracts from the classics, but in the majority of cases they were the composition of the keeper.

In many instances it was impossible to win, as the solution given by the keeper neither rhymed nor gave the sentence any meaning whatsoever.

His Worship fined the first defendant \$75 for keeping the gaming house and on a charge of retaining cigarettes without a licence he imposed a further fine of \$15.

A large quantity of cigarettes and \$39.72 in money, which were seized, were confiscated. The third defendant, charged with gambling, was fined \$5.

BOMBAY MARKET NOT CLOSING.

WOMEN NOW PUT ON AS
PICKETS.

Bombay, Mar. 11.
It is officially stated that the Muljibhai Market, the big foreign piece-goods market, will not be entirely closed for the next week as first reported.

Only a few of the shops were closed yesterday, and the Market remains open with a view to disposing of the existing stock of foreign cloth.

Lady Congress volunteers have replaced all the male picketers.

AMERICAN TOBACCO EARNINGS.

REMARKABLE INCREASE IN
1930 REPORTED.

New York, Mar. 11.
The American Tobacco Company has announced that its net earnings for the 1930 financial year amount to over \$34,250,000.

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LEEDS UN. HOPES DWINDLING.

AGAIN DEFEATED ON THEIR
OWN GROUND.

ARSENAL'S SUCCESS.

London, Mar. 11.
Leeds United, who were promoted from the Second Division in 1923-24, dropped back again, to be promoted once more in 1927-28, appear destined to spend another period in the Second Division. Their spectators were again disappointed to-day when at Elland Road, Leeds, they again suffered defeat, while the Arsenal strengthened their grip on the championship.

Four first-class soccer matches were played to-day, with the following results:

First Division.	
Leeds Un.	1 Arsenal
Second Division.	
Wolves	3 Port Vale
Scottish League.	
Hibernians	4 Queen's Park
Kilmarnock	1 Falkirk
The leading position in the English League, First Division, follows:	
Arsenal	32 21 8 3 103 46 50
Aston Villa	33 19 8 6 104 62 46
Wednesday	32 17 6 9 82 62 40
Derby County	31 15 7 9 78 62 37
In the Second Division, the leaders are:	
Everton	31 24 4 3 104 46 52
Tottenham	31 18 3 10 72 40 39
West Brom	31 16 7 8 62 37 39
Port Vale	32 17 3 12 61 53 37
Wolves	32 18 0 14 69 54 36

CANTON CENTRAL BANK.

NANKING ORDERS THAT IT
BE RENAMED.

Nanking, Mar. 11.
Among other important business dealt with by the Central Political Council this morning was a Government decision that the Central Bank at Canton should henceforth be named the Kwangtung Provincial Bank.

This is believed to have been ordered to prevent the Bank being confused with the Central Bank in Shanghai, which is directly under Nanking management.

GERMANY'S POCKET BATTLESHIPS.

ANOTHER ONE TO BE
COMMENCED.

Berlin, Mar. 11.
The Budget Committee of the Reichstag to-day adopted the Naval Budget for 1931, which includes provision for the first instalment towards the construction of a new "pocket-battleship."

The Minister of Defence said he was determined to carry out the naval construction programme.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Royal Observatory reports that the depression has deepened and moved to the N.E. of Japan. A moderate anticyclone is central over the Yangtze Valley, moderate monsoon along the S.E. coast of China and over the North China Sea.

JUBILEE STREET MURDER.

MANY ALLEGED "REDS" NOW
IN CUSTODY.

VICTIM'S CAREER.

After two days' activities, the Police have taken into custody a large number of suspects in connection with the murder of Yau Tak-yan, the Cantonese detective, who was shot down in broad daylight on Tuesday by a gang of alleged Communists in Jubilee Street.

The investigations and arrests have been motivated by the belief that the murdered man was the victim of Communists, who are known to have sworn a vendetta against Yau, whose special knowledge of their organization and personnel has constituted a serious menace to them since he joined the Chinese Government service.

A year-and-a-half ago, Yau was welcomed into police circles at Canton as a very valuable acquisition in the work against the Communists. He was then placed in the special organization under the noted Leung Tse-kwong, himself a terror to the Reds, and it was not long before the value of this step was demonstrated.

In the course of his comparatively short period of Government service, it is estimated that Yau Tak-yan was responsible for the capture of nearly a hundred Communists, of whom some thirty were sentenced to death and shot.

The Anti-fraud squad under the direction of Ling Tse-kwong, is the official medium of contact with the Hongkong Criminal Investigation Department, and its members come into a considerable degree of co-operation with local officers in the work of keeping this Colony free of the Red caucus.

After several narrow escapes from death, walking into traps set for him by Canton Communists, Yau Tak-yan, whose position may be compared to that of a free lance, found it convenient to come down to Hongkong. He took up his quarters at Yaumati, and while on the trail of a noted Communist whom he personally knew, maintained unofficial contact with the local Criminal Investigation Department.

It was while proceeding to Police Headquarters on Tuesday that he was shot down.

His assailant is believed to be a member of the Kwangtung Youth Communist Party, an organization more directly under the supervision of the Third International than any other "Red" body in China.

WAITRESS BADLY INJURED.

RESULT OF SQUABBLE IN
RESTAURANT.

An altercation in a restaurant at No. 136, Queen's Road Central, last night resulted in two people being admitted to the Government Civil Hospital. Chan Lau, aged 26, a waitress at the establishment, is in a serious condition, suffering from wounds in the head, alleged to have been inflicted by Leung Yau.

Leung was taken to the charge room and was found to be suffering from a bullet wound in the left shoulder. He told the police that he had been injured in November last when robbers raided his village. Since then he had lost the use of his left arm. The police are investigating the report.

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